WORKING IN

BEHAVIORAL EALTH

Career Quiz

- Would you like to work in a field where one day is never the same as the next?
- Are you hoping to work somewhere that allows for flexibility and a work-life balance?
- Do friends seek you out to talk with them about concerns or worries?
- Do you enjoy listening to people and helping them overcome problems?
- Are you good at solving practical, real-world issues?
- Can you see yourself working with patients in a doctor's office, hospital, or mental health clinic?
- Do you want to build a career path that best fits you, starting with an entry level opportunity?

If you answered yes, a

career in behavioral health



About the Work

Opportunity to help all ages children, adolescents, adults, and older adults - with a variety of life stresses and problems

Work one-on-one with individuals or with groups of people in hospitals or clinic settings

Offers a wide range of careers at all levels - entry, paraprofessional, practitioner, and professional







How do I get there?

There are a variety of careers to explore in the behavioral health field. Here are a few specific career education pathways available in South Dakota.



Occupation

Psychiatrist (MD)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)

Licensed Psychologist (LP)
Includes min. 1,800 hours supervised internship
and one year postdoctoral psychology practice

Certified Social Worker Engaged in Private Independent Practice (CSW-PIP)

Must be licensed for 2+ years as a CSW

Licensed Professional Counselor -Mental Health (LPC-MH) Must have active LPC license

School Psychologist Graduate work (EDS) includes practicum in 2nd year and paid internship in 3rd year

Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) Graduate work includes practicum

Certified Social Worker (CSW)

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

Certified School Counselor

Licensed Addiction Counselor in Private Independent Practice (LAC-PIP)

Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) *Supervision time required for independent private practice

Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS)

Social Worker

Degree in social work or social welfare program

Nurse/Mental Health

Social Work Associate / Paraprofessional

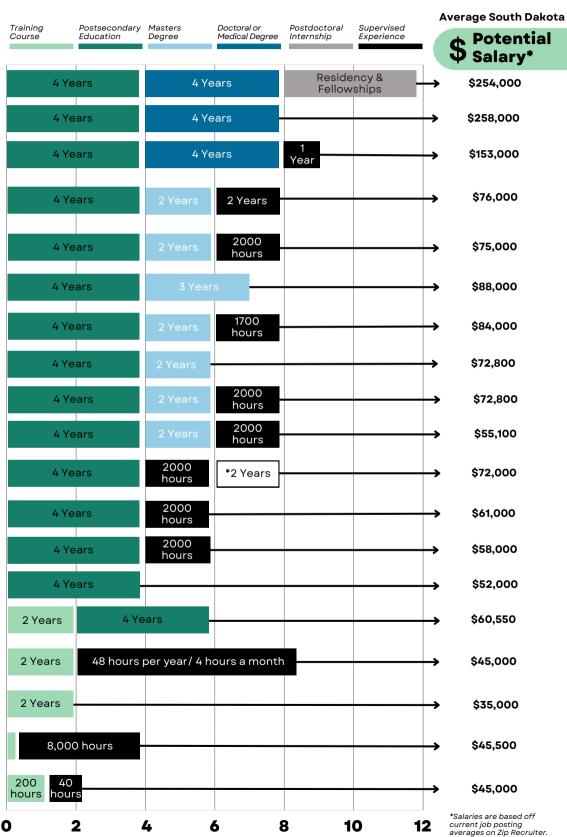
Degree in non-social work field or associate of arts degree in human services

Behavioral & Mental Health Technician

Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC)

*Minimum three semester hours in specialized education courses

Community Health Worker (CHW) Behavioral Health settings



Training Time

in years







You can get it all here in South Dakota! Check out the degrees below and where they are offered.

Where do I go from here?

Doctoral Degree



Psychiatrist, Ph.D

Degree/Occupation

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)

Psychologist, Ph.D

School Psychologist, Ph.D,

Psychologist (M.A.)

Psychologist & Counselor in Education (M.A., Ed.S.)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Social Work (MSW)

Clinical Mental Health

Education Institution/Degree Program

University of South Dakota (USD) - Psychiatry - School of Medicine, Residency Program

South Dakota State University (SDSU) - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)

USD - Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences

USD - School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in Education

USD - College of Arts and Sciences/Psychology

USD- School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in

Mount Marty University, School of Nursing

USD - School of Health Sciences/ Social Work

SDSU - School of Education and Human Sciences, Counseling and Human Development, Clinical Mental Health Specialization

USD - School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in Education

Northern State University

SDSU - School of Education and Human Sciences. Counseling and Human Development, Marriage and Family Counseling Specialization

Sioux Falls Seminary/Kairos University

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SDSU - School of Education and Human Sciences, School Counseling and Human Development Specialization

USD - School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in Education, School Counseling K-12

Northern State University - K-12 School Counseling

SDSU - School of Education and Human Sciences, Counseling and Human Development, Rehabilitation Counseling Specialization

USD - Graduate Addiction Counseling & Prevention. School of Health Sciences

Master's Degree



Counselor (M.S./M.A.)

Marriage and Family Counselor (M.S.)

Marriage and Family Therapist (M.A.)

Counselor (M.A.)

School Counselor (M.S./M.A.)

Rehabilitation Counselor Specialization (M.S.)

Addiction and Prevention Counselor (M.A.)



