

REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

POSITION SUMMARY

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served.
- Serve as a link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

- Observe and record patient behavior, do physical exams, and diagnostic tests, patient/family counseling and education, administer medication, wound care, supervise other healthcare professionals, and conduct research.

TRAINING AND PREREQUISITES

- Completion of an approved CHW Training Program by SD DSS.
- Certification through Indian Health Service Community Health Representative basic training, a CHW program approved by the South Dakota Board of Technical Education or the South Dakota Board of Regents, or a CHW training program approved by the State.

- High school diploma or GED for nursing program.
- Criminal background check.
- Complete state-approved professional nursing program.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- RN license required by SDBON.

TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- Nurse supervisors and physicians.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE (NATIONAL)

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Registered Nurse (RN) - \$36.22

SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and RN and to review the sources for this information, visit www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/

