

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

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.

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- Remove sutures, change sterile dressings, tracheostomy care duties, administer medication, and some Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, and IV duties.

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 transcript or GED.
- Complete training program approved by SDBON.
- Complete ACCUPLACER test.
- Complete TEAS.
- CPR certification.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- LPN license required by SDBON.

TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- RN or physician.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE *(NATIONAL)*

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) - \$23.47

SOURCES

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

