

# Working in Behavioral Health

## 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?
- Do you desire a career where you can make a meaningful impact?
- Can you see yourself working with patients/clients in a doctor's office, hospital, mental health clinic, or community-based setting?
- Do you want to build a career path that best fits you, starting with an entry level degree with an opportunity for career advancement?

**If you answered yes, a career in behavioral health might be a good fit for you!**

## What is behavioral health?

Behavioral Health includes your mental health resiliency and wellbeing; the treatment of mental health disorders; the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders; and supporting those who experience and/or are in recovery from these conditions, along with their families and communities.



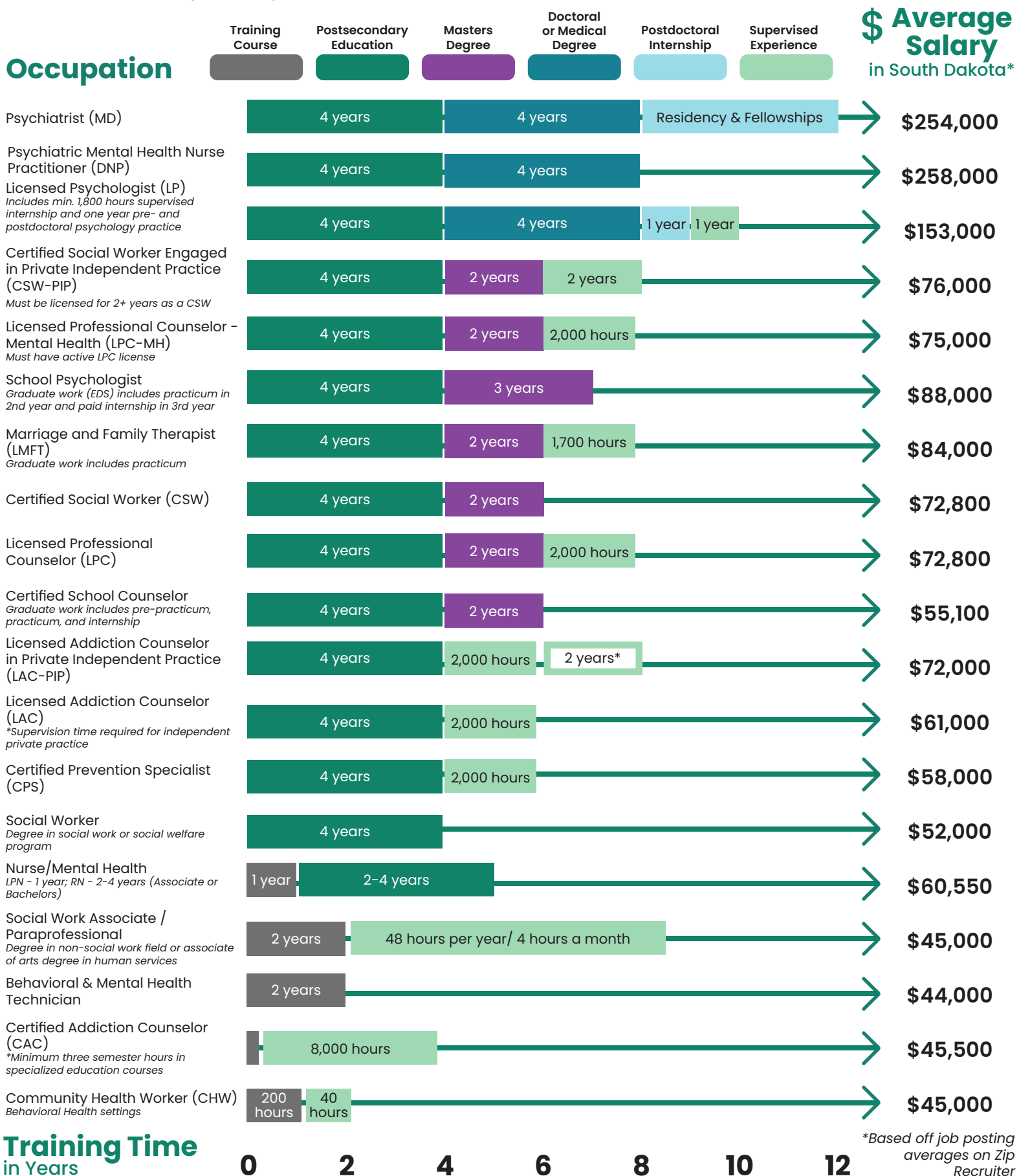
## About the Work

- 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, clinics, and community-based settings
- Offers a wide range of careers at all levels – entry, paraprofessional, practitioner, and professional

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# 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.



# Where do I go from here?

## Training Programs

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



### > Doctoral Degree

#### Degree/Occupation

Psychiatrist (Ph.D)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)

Psychologist, Ph.D

School Psychologist (Ph.D, Ed.S)

#### 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 \\*Post Grad Certificate](#)

[USD – Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences](#)

[USD – School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in Education](#)

### > Masters Degree

#### Degree/Occupation

Psychologist (M.A.)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Social Worker (MSW)/Mental Health Counselor

Clinical Mental Health 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.)

#### Education Institution/Degree Program

[USD – College of Arts and Sciences/Psychology](#)

[Mount Marty University, School of Nursing](#)

[USD – School of Health Sciences/ Social Work](#)  
[Augustana University – Sharon Lust School of Education, 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 – College of Education and Human Sciences, Counseling and Human Resource Development – School Counseling Specialization](#)  
[USD – School of Education, Counseling and Psychology in Education, School Counseling K-12](#)  
[Northern State University – K-12 School Counseling](#)

[SDSU – College of Education and Human Sciences, Counseling and Human Resource Development, Rehabilitation Counseling Specialization](#)

[USD – Graduate Addiction Counseling & Prevention, School of Health Sciences](#)

# Training Programs

## > Bachelor's Degree

### Degree/Occupation

Social Work (BSW)

### Education Institution/Degree Program

[USD – School of Health Sciences/Social Work](#)

[Augustana University – Sharon Lust School of Education, Social Work](#)

[University of Sioux Falls \(USF\), Social Work](#)

[Oglala Lakota College](#)

[Sitting Bull College](#)

Case Manager (B.A./B.S.)

Case Worker/Prevention  
Specialist (B.A./B.S.)

Human Services Worker/  
Social Services Worker  
(Children, Families, Disability,  
or Aging) (B.A./B.S.)

[Augustana University – Social Sciences Division, Psychology](#)

Black Hills State University, School of Behavioral Sciences, [Human Services](#) or [Psychology](#)

Mount Marty University – [Social Sciences, Human Service, Social Services, Disability Services](#) or [Psychology](#)

SDSU – [School of Education and Human Sciences, Counseling and Human Development, Human Development and Family Studies](#) or [School of Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies, Psychology](#)

[Sinte Gleska University, Human Services](#), \*M.A. also available

[Sisseton Wahpeton College, Behavioral Science](#)

[USF – Applied Sciences and Mental Health, Psychology](#)

Addiction and Prevention  
Counselor/Case Manger (B.A.)

[Ihanktonwan Community College, Concentrations in Chemical Dependency, Mental Health](#)

Nurse (LPN/RN)

[Lake Area Tech, Mitchell Tech, Western Dakota Tech, Southeast Tech, SGU, OLC, SDSU, USD, USF, Mount Marty University, DWU, Augustana University – with Mental Health Certificate](#)

## > Associate's Degree

### Degree/Occupation

Case Worker/Social Services  
Assistant (Children, Families,  
Disability, or Aging) (A.A./A.S./  
A.S.W)

### Education Institution/Degree Program

[Southeast Technical College, Behavioral Mental Health Technician](#)

Lake Area Technical College, [Associate of Social Work, CHW Certificate](#)

[Ihanktonwan Community College](#)

Sisseton Wahpeton College, [Addiction and Diversity Counseling](#) or [Behavioral Science](#)

[Sitting Bull College, Human Services Technician](#)

[Black Hills State University, Human Services](#)

## > Certificate Program

### Degree/Occupation

Community Health Worker,  
Behavioral Health Settings  
(Certificate)

### Education Institution/Degree Program

[Southeast Technical College](#)

[Lake Area Technical College](#)