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Welcome to our State of South Dakota Careers eNewsletter. The Bureau of Human Resources posts jobs for State of South Dakota agencies, with career opportunities in a variety of fields. We hope this newsletter will help keep you informed. Please share with your family and friends who may also be interested in a career with us.

## Quality of Life in South Dakota

South Dakota was recently ranked as one of the Happiest States in the U.S., according to Business Insider. The study gave scores on health, lifestyle and economic stability. South Dakota scored #1 in Health and the overall score placed it as the 2<sup>nd</sup> happiest state in the country. Other organizations conducting studies on happiness consistently place South Dakota in the top 10.

People who live in South Dakota know our quality of life is one of its best kept secrets and make it a great place to work and play! [Click here to read more.](#)

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## South Dakota State Veterans Home

The Dakota Territorial Legislature met in February of 1889. While in session, they passed a bill establishing the Dakota Soldiers' Home to be located in Hot Springs, South Dakota. The object of the Home was to provide the care and subsistence for veterans and their wives and widows who meet eligibility requirements for admission to the Home. The cornerstone of the first building was placed on November 11, 1889.

On October 3, 1998, Governor William J. Janklow and Major General Philip Killey dedicated the South Dakota Veterans Home to Medal of Honor Recipient, Michael J. Fitzmaurice. Michael received the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity of action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a United States Army Specialist Four, at Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam, March 23, 1971.

In January of 2016, residents were moved into the newly designed Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home. The facility is a 133,000-square-foot stacked two-story building with a lower level walkout main entrance. The design incorporates residential type furnishings and finishes, and warm, welcoming colors to give the spaces a more

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comforting feel.

The State Veterans home employs more than 100 people in the medical and direct care occupations. The facility is always looking to fill positions such as nurse, homemaker, household coordinator, and building maintenance. Check out [bhr.sd.gov/workforus](http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus) to search for open positions in Hot Springs.

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## Information for Veterans

The State of South Dakota recognizes the enormous contributions of men and women who have served their country in uniform and has enacted laws to ensure veterans who are seeking employment with state or local government will be considered. As a veteran of the Armed Services, if you are eligible for veteran's preference, you will receive an interview when seeking employment with state government. Veterans' preference is a way to provide assistance to those who answered the nation's call to arms.

Our Governor encourages South Dakota business leaders, public officials, and the leaders of civic and fraternal organizations with employment opportunities to hire veterans for those positions.

[Click here to read more on veterans' preference and eligibility requirements.](#)

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## Upcoming Job Fairs - We will be there!

[Healthcare, Human Services and Government](#)

October 25, 2018

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Muenster University Center (MUC) 1st Floor, University of South Dakota

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## Spring Internships

Spring internships are posted now! Most will close on September 30, but there are a few that have extended to the end of October. They typically begin in January and end in May. There are over 40 internships with seven agencies and in 12 cities:

- Information and Telecommunications
- Human Services
- Corrections
- Correctional Health
- Social Services
- Game, Fish and Parks
- Governor's Office



[Click here to see the full listing and apply!](#)

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**\*Watch for Summer Internships to be posted at the end of November!**

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## Application Tips

### User Name & Password

#### User name:

- The user name is the email you used to create the account.
- This cannot be changed, please double check the

spelling before you create your account.

- If you get an error telling you your email is already associated with an account, please do not create another account!
- You can change your primary email under the contact information so all correspondence goes to the email you use most often.

**Password:**

- If you forget your password, please call 605.773.3148 or [email us](#) to reset it.

It is important to remember when you create your account that the user name and password are both case sensitive.

**How to Sign Up for Job Alerts**

All interested candidates must apply online through the State of South Dakota's Career website.

1. Signing up for our mailing list allows you to receive weekly email alerts of job postings.
2. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/getnotifiedSDjobs>
3. Type Name and email address and click Subscribe (SDSTATEJOBS).
4. A confirmation email will be sent to email address provided.
5. Confirm receipt of email and you will start receiving job alerts.



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