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Jobs are at a premium – find the largest list of opportunities in the alcohol/drugs field at [www.addictiontoday.org](http://www.addictiontoday.org); click on *Jobs* at the top.

**WE ARE>>**

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- educate, teach and train professionals working with people with drug and alcohol problems in the methods and practices for prevention of and recovery from addiction/dependency
- conduct and disseminate research into the care and treatment of people with addiction or dependency problems.

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