

Types of Careers in the Substance Use Field

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There are many jobs you can do, places where you can work and people you can work with across the substance use field. Whether you are preventing misuse, making sure that people who choose to use substances are doing so as safely as possible, helping people on their road to recovery or providing medical or mental health treatment, you can make a difference.

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Case Manager	Organization, Health Care	People who use substances	Navigate Resources	Bachelor's
Clinician	Health Care	People who use substances	Medical Care	Medical Degree
Communications Specialist	Organization, Government, Health Care	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Develop Messaging, Oversee Media	Bachelor's or Master's Degree
Data Analyst	Organization, Government, Research, Health Care	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Data Analysis, Evaluation	Master's or PhD
Epidemiologist	Organization, Government, Research, Health Care	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Disease Investigation, Data Analysis	Master's Degree or PhD



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Harm Reduction Specialist	Organization, Health Care	People who use substances	Education, Safer Use Care, Navigate Resources	Lived Experience, Bachelor's Degree, or Medical License (e.g.: RN)
Mental Health Counselor	Health Care	People who use substances	Mental Health Care	Master's Degree
Nurse	Health Care	People who use substances	Medical Care	Bachelor's Degree and Registered Nurse License
Prevention Consultant	Organization, Government	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Education, Events, Policy Development	Bachelor's or Master's Degree
Prevention Educator	Schools	Youth	Education, Events, Student Groups	Bachelor's or Associate's Degree
Program Coordinator	Organization, Government, Health Care, School	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Program Development, Grant Management	Bachelor's or Master's Degree
Recovery Coach	Organization, Health Care	People who use substances	Peer Support, Encourage Recovery, Navigate Resources	Lived Experience or Certification
Research and Policy Analyst	Organization, Government, Research, Health Care	Youth, Adults, People who use substances	Review Research, Inform Policy	Master's Degree or PhD
School Counselor	Schools	Youth	Education, Support	Bachelor's or Master's Degree

To learn more about careers in the substance use field, talk with your school's counselor or reach out to counselors, advisors or career specialists.

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