

For information on becoming a *Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors* see **Sources of additional information** within this brochure.

For information on youth employment opportunities, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

151 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 159, 03570-0159

Claremont (543-3111)

404 Washington Street, P.O. Box 180, 03743-0180

Concord (228-4100)

10 West Street, P.O. Box 1140, 03302-1140

Conway (447-5924)

518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205

Keene (352-1904)

109 Key Road, 03431-3926

Laconia (524-3960)

426 Union Avenue, Suite 3, 03246-2894

Lebanon (448-6340)

85 Mechanic Street, 03766-1506

Littleton (444-2971)

646 Union Street, Suite 100, 03561-5314

Manchester (627-7841)

300 Hanover Street, 03104-4957

Nashua (882-5177)

6 Townsend West, 03063-1217

Portsmouth (436-3702)

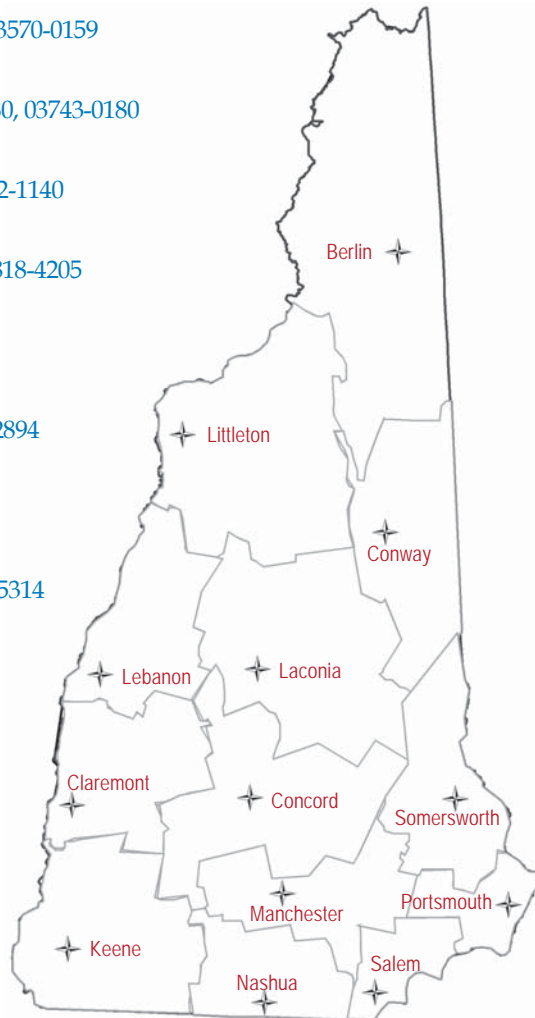
2000 Lafayette Road, 03801-5673

Salem (893-9185)

29 South Broadway, 03079-3026

Somersetworth (742-3600)

6 Marsh Brook Drive, 03878-1595



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Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau
32 South Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4857
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So, you want to be a ...



Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors

Human Services

Projected to be among the fastest growing occupations
(New Hampshire Occupational Projections, 2006-2016)

Here are a few things
you should know.



Your gateway to New Hampshire workforce and career information



You'll want to know a few things about this career

Average Hourly Wage

\$16.88

Expected 10 year Growth

47%

Average Annual Openings

17

(Total Employment 263)

Training/Education Needed

Bachelor's degree or Military Training.

May also require graduate school, a master's degree and some require a Ph.D., M.D., or J.D. (law degree)

Basic Skills

Reading, listening, writing, speaking

Job Skills

Service orientation, speaking, active listening, persuasion, critical thinking, instructing, writing, reading comprehension, Social perceptiveness

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Tasks

Source: O*Net Online

1. Counsel clients and patients, individually and in group sessions, to assist in overcoming dependencies, adjusting to life, and making changes.
2. Complete and maintain accurate records and reports regarding the patients' histories and progress, services provided, and other required information.
3. Develop client treatment plans based on research, clinical experience, and client histories.
4. Review and evaluate clients' progress in relation to measurable goals described in treatment and care plans.
5. Interview clients, review records, and confer with other professionals to evaluate individuals' mental and physical condition, and to determine their suitability for participation in a specific program.
6. Intervene as advocate for clients or patients to resolve emergency problems in crisis situations.
7. Provide clients or family members with information about addiction issues and about available services and programs, making appropriate referrals when necessary.
8. Modify treatment plans to comply with changes in client status.
9. Coordinate counseling efforts with mental health professionals and other health professionals such as doctors, nurses, and social workers.
10. Attend training sessions to increase knowledge and skills.

Interests (Holland Code)

SAI

(Social, Artistic, Investigative)

Interest Area

Human Services

Working Conditions

Can vary greatly depending on the specialty. Usually in private offices

Average Work Week

40-hour week

(some work evenings)

Sources of Additional Information

NH Employment Security (Contact office nearest you or go online to www.nh.gov/nhes)

American Counseling Association
5999 Stevenson Ave
Alexandria, VA 22304
www.counseling.org

American Mental Health Counselors Association
801 N. Fairfax Street
Suite 304
Alexandria, VA 22314.
www.amhca.org