This new edition contains up-to-date information on this dynamic specialty that applies a holistic approach employing biological, psychological, social, and spiritual factors to provide treatment to patients who are affected by alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and persistent and recurrent maladaptive behaviors and addictive disorders.

Much of the addictions nurse's job involves teaching patients about the dangers of substance abuse and possible treatment options. Since addiction is both a mental and physical disease, these nurses are trained in both general medicine and mental health.