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This study sought to identify differences in the beliefs about addiction between a sample of university students and a sample of clients diagnosed with substance abuse or dependence from a drug/alcohol treatment center. It was hypothesized that treatment center clients would present beliefs that correspond to the disease concept of addiction (Jellinek 1960), while members of the university sample would express more personal or environmental attitudes towards addiction. To assess these potential differences, a survey questionnaire based on the Addiction Belief Inventory (ABI) was administered to both samples (Luke, Ribisl, Walton, and Davidson, 2002). The ABI is divided into eight subscales, and ANOVAs between the university and treatment samples will be calculated for each subscale.