

Occupational Reform Board Survey  
Chair, Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

1. The license is created to protect the public when seeking services for substance use treatment. It ensures that the people provide the services have the necessary training, education, and clinical experience to provide effective and ethical services. The addiction license was created to ensure that the specialty area of addictions is treated as a unique profession because of the intricacies and need of specialized knowledge to treat this population.
2. I think the regulations are effective however it takes too long to change them when necessary. They are not flexible enough to address changes in the field.
3. Vulnerable people would be hurt. Thinking about the ethical violations we have encountered, there would be great harm to members of the public who seek substance use treatment. There needs to be oversight and a way to monitor and hold professionals accountable when ethical violations occur.