

FAQs

Who must be licensed?

Any person who wishes to use the title of 'Licensed Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor' or 'Licensed Associate Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor'; or render services of alcoholism and drug abuse counseling must be credentialed by the Board.

Are there any exemptions/exceptions?

Yes, members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, and qualified members of other recognized health or behavioral science professions, as long as they are performing work within the standards and any code of ethics of their respective professions; as long as they do not hold themselves out to the public as being licensed alcoholism and drug abuse counselors. Nothing in the act shall be construed to limit the activities and services of a student or intern seeking to fulfill educational requirements to qualify for a license under this act or acts of other recognized health or behavioral science professions. For a list of all exemptions/exceptions, please review Section 3. (a)-(h) of the act creating the Board (located on this site).

What are the levels and qualifications for licensure?

Two credentials are offered by the Board – Licensed Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor (LADAC) and Licensed Associate Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor (LAADAC). The application process is the same for both credentials with the primary difference being based upon academic background. For a listing of specific requirements, please review the tab on the home page.

Is there any reciprocity with other states or other boards within Arkansas?

Applicants who hold credentials from other recognized boards with similar requirements may qualify for credentials offered by the SBEADAC without additional requirements being necessary. Each application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

What are the fees associated with licensure?

\$265 - New LADAC licensure fee
\$215 - New LAADAC licensure fee
\$250 - Renewal LADAC licensure fee
\$200 - Renewal LAADAC fee

\$25 - To change from one level of licensure to another
\$25 - Insufficient check fee

What are the continuing educational requirements?

40 hours completed during the two-year licensure cycle, ending December, 31. CEU hours must include 6 hours related to ethics. 50% of the CEU hours may be online; 50% of the CEU hours must be in person. 50% of the CEU hours must be substance use disorder related; the other 50% may be substance use disorder hours or in the mental health field.

Does the SBEADAC have a Code of Ethics?

The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics, and this can be accessed from the homepage.

How do I file a complaint?

SBEADAC only has the authority to oversee its licensed Counselors. It has no jurisdiction over a clinic or agency. Those issues would need to be addressed by the AR Attorney General's Office. Concerns of ethical violations (or other inappropriate action) by its licensed Counselors are reviewed by the Ethics Committee. Any complaints/concerns should be forwarded to the 'Attention Ethics Committee', c/o the Board Administrator. Contact information is listed below.

Who are the Board members and how are they selected?

The Board is composed of (13) thirteen members and are appointed by the Governor. A current listing of Board members can be accessed from the homepage tab.

How do I contact the Board?

Department of Health

State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

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