



## **Mental Health & Addiction Certification Board of Oregon**

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## **Support for HB 2239**

The Mental Health & Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO) is a leader in behavioral health certification and accreditation, holding over 17,000 certifications for Oregon's behavioral health workforce. Each year, MHACBO:

- Processes more than 110 complaints related to credentialed professionals
- Reviews 3,600 new applications
- Administers nearly 2,000 competency-based psychometric exams, and
- Provides accreditation to 170 recovery residences across the state

In 2017 MHACBO was selected as Oregon's NARR Affiliate to accredit recovery residences utilizing the NARR National Standards.

1. MHACBO began NARR Accreditation in 2017 due to increasing reports nationwide of fraud and resident abuse associated with recovery homes. Florida, California and Arizona have been states in the front pages for fraud, exploitation and "body brokering" in the recovery residence and treatment industry.
2. In 2017, MHACBO brought together Oregon's leading providers of recovery housing to build a constituency of recovery home operators dedicated to upholding NARR standards and principles to avoid the pitfalls experienced in other states.
3. NARR is the largest recovery residence accreditor in the U.S. There are currently 33 NARR state boards, and 38 states that utilize the NARR standards as a measure to assess the quality of recovery housing.

4. NARR accreditation is recognized and supported by SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, LAPPA and the White House ONDCP, and the National Council on Behavioral Health (recently renamed the National Council on Mental Wellbeing).
  
5. NARR has 106 individual standards that must be met for accreditation:
  - Administrative and Operational Accountability: 44 standards
  - Physical Environment Ensuring Health and Safety: 27 standards
  - Recovery Support Capitalizing on the Social Model of Recovery: 30 standards
  - Good Neighbor Policies & Practices: 5 standards
  
6. The state heavily relies on 3<sup>rd</sup>-party accreditors in all facets of healthcare, manufacturing, industry, construction and education. In healthcare alone, the state mandates approval by many 3<sup>rd</sup>-party accreditors, here are just a few as an example that are mandated by the state for the purposes of credentialing and/or reimbursement:

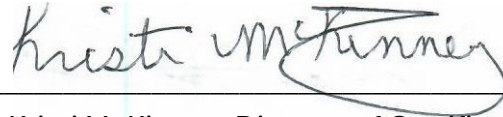
The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)	The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)
Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
National Music Therapy Registry – American Music Therapy Association	National Music Therapy Registry – American Music Therapy Association
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences
National Board for Respiratory Care	American Red Cross
American Heart Association	American Safety and Health Institute
Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.	Soil Science Society of America
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	Council on Certification of the National Cancer Registrars Association
National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting	American Board of Radiology
American Board of Industrial Hygienist	The American Board of Health Physics
The American Board of Medical Physics	the American Board of Nuclear Medicine Science
Radiopharmaceutical Drug Certification	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board	American Society for Nondestructive Testing
American Osteopathic Board of Radiology	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
Board of Nephrology Examiners	The National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO)
Nurse Practitioner National Certification	International Council for Veterinary Assessment, Inc
The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs
Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer	The National Environmental Health Association

7. MHACBO currently has a \$175 annual accreditation fee per residence, this includes administrative review of application or recertification materials and a biennial onsite inspection. MHACBO is able implement accreditation more cost effectively than the state.



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