

Certificant Database Expansion Survey Preliminary Results

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We want to know about your opinions and your professional experience with biofeedback. This database survey information will help the board know how to serve you better and plan for our future. It will also allow additional professional information about you to be available to those who are seeking a provider through our website. We want this data to be as accurate as possible. That can only happen if you respond. If you have not responded to this database survey, think that you have missed some items, or need to adjust your answers to be more accurate, please access your profile.

To access your database profile directly through the BCIA website, you may use this link

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=6eqpzmcab.0.0.tcr9lqbab.0&ts=S0340&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.resourcenter.net%2FScripts%2F4Disapi6.dll%2F4DCGI%2Fperson%2FDetail.html%3F>

or follow these steps:

1. Go to www.bcia.org
2. Select **Certificants Only** from the top menu bar
3. From the box on the right, select **Update Your Professional Listing**
4. Enter your username and password. This information is available from info@bcia.org.
5. From over the name box, select **"Modify My Record"**
6. Select **"Go"**

****You must select "Submit" at the end of the document in order to save your changes.****

Below is just a snapshot of some of the results of the certificant database profile summary. As more of you respond, and the database becomes more complete, we will continue to provide you with feedback about the results.

Who are We?

Though our certificants come from a wide range of professions, including chiropractic, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, recreational therapy, speech therapy, and special education, the majority of our certificants work in mental health care field: Psychologists (42%), Counselors (23%), and Social Workers (8%) accounted for 74% of our certificants.

- 18% of our respondents are unlicensed. Many of these certificants consider biofeedback to be their primary profession.
- 66% of respondents are in private practice.
- 56% of respondents receive private insurance

What Biofeedback Modalities Do We Use?

Most of our respondents appear to spend most of their time with traditional biofeedback modalities. This represents how often respondents use the following biofeedback modalities in their clinical practice with patients/clients. The numbers show the percent of respondents who used the modality either "about half the time," "very frequently," or "always."

- Temperature 71%
- SEMG 68%
- Respiration 62%
- HRV 61%
- Skin Conductance 56%
- EEG 55%
- Blood Volume Pulse 31%
- Pelvic Floor EMG 12%
- HEG 8%

What is BCIA's Proper Role?

This is what the respondents' indicated that the proper role of BCIA should be. The numbers show the percent of respondents who "somewhat agreed" or "strongly agreed" to each statement.

- To establish professional standards of education & training 94%
- Advocacy 89%
- To protect the public from unqualified providers 86%
- To provide referrals to certified providers 82%

Why Did We Certify?

These are the primary reasons that respondents initially became certified with BCIA. The numbers show the percent of respondents who "somewhat agreed" or "strongly agreed" to each statement.

- Credibility 96%
- To ensure that I was properly trained 84%
- To validate my skills and knowledge 87%
- Professional satisfaction 85%
- It was an opportunity for career advancement 44%
- It was required by my employer 13%
- Encouragement by a university professor, mentor, or colleague 40%
- To promote and support the field of biofeedback 66%
- To help justify my insurance claims 34%
- Listing on the BCIA "find a practitioner" search 41%

Thank you for taking the time to help us learn more about you. We'll be sharing this information with several sources in the industry and of course with you.

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