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Brianne Elaine Verraneault Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Atlanta, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Brianne Elaine Verraneault of Atlanta, Georgia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Verraneault will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-Y is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-Y, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by

increasing the number of available culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$8,000 education awards to Verraneault and the 29 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Verraneault is a graduate of Georgia State University, in Atlanta, and is currently pursuing a master's in the clinical mental health counseling program at Argosy University–Atlanta, in Georgia. Verraneault has a passion for working with disadvantaged minority youth and their families, who face emerging severe mental health diagnoses such as schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. Additionally, Verraneault enjoys working with youth who are facing hardships due to economic and societal disparities based on race, gender and sexual identity. This fellowship will allow Verraneault to serve populations in need by helping to fund further training in developing her foreign language skills, allowing her to attend workshops relative to the populations she desires to serve and providing said mental health services on a volunteer basis.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 31 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors](#) (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in September 2017. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org/Programs/Scholarships.

About the NBCC Foundation

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 60,000 National Certified Counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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