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Khalilah Slade Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Durham, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Khalilah Slade, of Durham, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Slade will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).



The NBCC MFP-AC 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-AC, 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 available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Slade and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Slade is a graduate of Nyack University, in New York, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at North Carolina Central University, in Durham. Upon graduation, Slade intends to work with transition-age minority youth. Her interests include youth who are aging out of foster care or otherwise transitioning into independent living. She is also interested in working with adults and youth who are dealing with substance use disorders. Earning this fellowship will afford Slade the opportunity to build upon her leadership abilities through counseling conferences, trainings and workshops. In doing so, she will enhance her professional identity as a mental health and substance abuse clinician prepared to best serve those who are marginalized and underserved.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org.

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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