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Tracey Taylor Carter Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Hephzibah, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Tracey Taylor Carter, of Hephzibah, Georgia, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Carter will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.



The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant first awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in August 2012. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as <u>webinars</u>, that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$20,000 to Carter and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Carter is a graduate of Chicago State University, in Illinois, and of Nicholls State University, in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Argosy University Atlanta, in Georgia. Carter is currently interested in researching trauma and the challenges experienced by minorities in the military community. She currently works with military families, with a focus on psychoeducation, including child abuse prevention, parenting groups and conflict resolution. Carter is committed to serving abused children and preventing child abuse, particularly among indigent and minority families. This fellowship will help Carter start a counseling and supervision practice in Hephzibah, Georgia, a rural community. Like many rural communities, there is a shortage of community support programs for marginalized families living in Hephzibah and the neighboring community of Blythe. This fellowship will also help Carter attend professional development conferences and trainings in order to competently prepare future counselors as effective practitioners and advocates for minority clients.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <u>www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows</u>.

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.