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Tracy Bibbs Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Chicago, IL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Tracy Bibbs, of Chicago, Illinois, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Bibbs 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 [webinars](#), 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 Bibbs and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Bibbs is a graduate of Chicago State University, in Illinois, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Governors State University, in University Park, Illinois. In her dissertation, Bibbs will examine how the imposter phenomenon may impact coping self-efficacy in African-American students in a predominately black university. Her research will explore how African-American students that report imposter phenomenon pursue their degrees despite feeling like an intellectual fraud. Bibbs currently serves as program coordinator of the counseling graduate program as well as adjunct psychology instructor at Chicago State University. With this fellowship, Bibbs plans on operating a mental health counseling practice that provides empowering services for African-American individuals, groups and families. She would like to develop a mentoring program supported by professional role models who serve as advocates of change for African-American elementary children with learning or behavioral problems.

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 www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows.

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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