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### Courtney R. Boddie Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

St. Louis, MO—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Courtney R. Boddie, of St. Louis, Missouri, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Boddie will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Boddie and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Boddie is a graduate of Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is both a student and graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where he is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision. Boddie's program of research is bifurcated in two key areas: promotion of thriving among college men of African descent and pedagogy in multicultural counselor education. In one project, he is exploring the moderating role of spirituality in the relationship between faculty microaggressions and academic self-concept among degree-seeking students who identify as African-American/Black men. He recently submitted a manuscript on the use of metaphor to introduce the construct of white privilege in multicultural classrooms. He serves minority individuals in his role as a staff counselor at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Using indirect methods of intervention, he serves this population by training social justice educators and culturally competent counselors as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. He is a former disability affairs professional, having worked as an executive function coach, learning specialist, and college-level instructor for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is presently pursuing tenure-track faculty appointments, and endeavors to continue serving marginalized persons through research, teaching and clinical supervision. This fellowship will assist Boddie in the process of deepening his engagement with his target population through direct clinical interventions, community involvement, advocacy and education. The professional connections facilitated by this fellowship will additionally enable Boddie to have opportunities to interface with active fellows who both identify as and study men of color.

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](http://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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