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### D'Quayvion Cloud Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Charlotte, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected D'Quayvion Cloud, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Cloud will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Cloud and the 17 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Cloud is a graduate of North Carolina Central University, in Durham, and is currently a master's student in social work at Howard University, in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, Cloud intends to work with transition-age youth minorities in the juvenile justice system who suffer from substance abuse issues, STI/HIV infections, and mental health disorders, especially those who identify with the gender minority spectrum. He would also like to work with at-risk populations, such as the LGBTQ community, women of color, and children of fatherless homes. Earning this fellowship will allow Cloud to attend professional conferences to establish a professional identity as an African-American male social worker in a female-dominated profession. It will also allow him to learn evidence-based practices to best serve at-risk populations and advocate for the social work profession on the direct level.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program, 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) program, and 31 additional [MFP-AC](#) fellowships this year. The Foundation will open the next NBCC Minority Fellowship Program application period in September 2017. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org/programs/scholarships](http://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 63,000 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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