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Homer R. Brown Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Miami Shores, FL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Homer R. Brown, of Rockledge, Florida, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Brown 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 Brown and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Brown is a graduate of the University of Central Florida in Orlando and of Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, and is currently a doctoral student in the marriage and family counseling program at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. His research area is African-American males and higher education. As an African-American male, he has firsthand experience with the challenges faced by African-American men in academia. There are more young African-American males in prison than in college, and of those who are fortunate enough to attend college, only one-third will graduate within six years. By receiving this fellowship, he will be able to explore successful strategies and practices of institutions and institutional agents at a historically black college that have proven successful in helping African-American men to matriculate. Brown plans to share these strategies and practices with administrators, counselors and other agents in all levels of academia to promote greater academic success for African-American male students in education.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2015. 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 55,000 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.