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Jenna Leigh Stack Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jenna Leigh Stack, of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Stack will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her 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 Stack and the 17 other master’s-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Stack is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and is currently a master’s student in the clinical mental health counseling program at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Upon graduation, Stack will seek employment working with adolescents and adults coping with addiction and mental health concerns. She plans to focus on services for transition-age adolescents and young adults, as she believes this critical stage allows clients to be reached through prevention and early intervention. Stack intends to work in areas and populations of highest need due to her passion for improving treatment access to underserved populations. Earning this fellowship will allow Stack to meet this goal by providing access to educational resources and a supportive network of other mental health professionals.

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.

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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