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### Joy Victoria Kelly Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Goldsboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Joy Victoria Kelly, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP fellow, Kelly 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 Kelly and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Kelly is both a graduate and student of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in the counseling and counselor education program. Kelly is currently in her first year of doctoral studies and is interested in how survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) navigate new relationships post-IPV. She is particularly interested in how partners, where one or both individuals has been affected by IPV, overcome their past abusive history and recover in new relationship contexts. She has experience working with underserved minority populations in community mental health settings, both currently in her doctoral-level internship course and during previous internship experiences. As an LPCA, she provides comprehensive clinical services to individuals, couples and families from a variety of demographic backgrounds and has a particular passion for working with minority survivors of IPV. This fellowship will help Kelly become more involved in her research area through additional professional development opportunities, education and training where she hopes to learn more about how to effectively intervene in the treatment of individuals, couples and families affected by domestic and family violence.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) and 31 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors](#) (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2017. 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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