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Mina Attia Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Harrisonburg, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Mina Attia, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP fellow, Attia 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 Attia and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Attia is a graduate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and of Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is currently a doctoral student in the counseling and supervision program at James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Attia is currently interested in working with underserved populations with a particular focus on refugees and immigrants. His research agenda includes examining the American mental health care system and its competence for working with refugees and immigrants, issues of multiculturalism and social justice, and the role of counselors and counselor educators as advocates. This fellowship will help Attia become more involved in his research area through direct clinical service, community involvement, advocacy for underserved populations, and education and training of future practitioners. This fellowship will also help fund his involvement in local, regional and national professional counseling organizations, as well as further training to competently provide services to underserved minority populations.

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.

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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