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Shadin Atiyeh Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Ann Arbor, MI—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Shadin Atiyeh, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP fellow, Atiyeh 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 Atiyeh and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Atiyeh is a graduate of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor and of Eastern Michigan University, in Ypsilanti and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Walden University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Atiyeh is interested in researching counseling cultural competency with refugee clients and how to train counselors to provide culturally competent services with diverse refugee populations. She currently works at a refugee resettlement agency managing career services, supervising providers, and providing counseling to refugees and other immigrants. This fellowship will help Atiyeh to obtain mentorship, training and support to provide better services to underserved immigrant groups and to better train others to provide these much needed services.

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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