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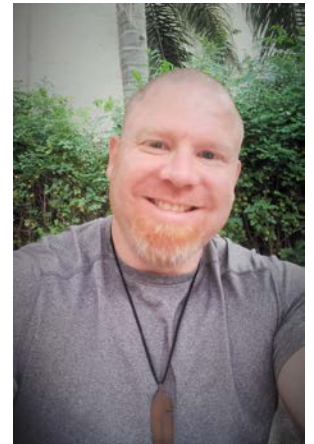
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Spencer Yeamans Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Corpus Christi, TX—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Spencer Yeamans, of Corpus Christi, Texas, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Yeamans will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Yeamans and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Yeamans is a graduate of Baylor University, in Waco, Texas, and of the University of Missouri–Kansas City, and is currently a master's student in the addictions counseling program at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi. Upon graduation, Yeamans looks forward to working with minority, transition-age youth, particularly young artists, athletes, and members of the LGBT community who deal with identity issues in addition to chemical dependency and process addictions. Yeamans is currently a licensed chemical dependency counselor intern and has hopes of completing a Ph.D. program in addictions counselor education. The fellowship will also allow him to work toward publishing articles related to conceptualization issues in treating ethnic and sexual minority populations.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2016. 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 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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