

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Stacy Perez Waterman Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates**

San Antonio, TX—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Stacy Perez Waterman, of San Antonio, Texas, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Waterman 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 Waterman and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Waterman is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and is both a student and graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision. Upon graduation, she intends to serve minorities with substance abuse issues in outpatient and inpatient settings. Receiving this fellowship will allow her to consult with professionals in her area and contribute to research efforts involving underrepresented populations.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org](http://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 55,000 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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