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NBCC Foundation Awards 2016 Scholarship to Dr. Susan F. Branco

Arlington, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2016 Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) professional development awards to Dr. Susan F. Branco, of Arlington, Virginia. The goal of this scholarship program is to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders. Branco will receive \$500 to advance her professional identity and development.



Branco is a clinical assistant professor in the Pastoral Counseling Department at Loyola University Maryland, in Baltimore. She also serves as the division director of Loyola Clinical Centers, an interdisciplinary clinic serving community members of Baltimore and surrounding areas. Branco's scholarly presentation and research focus is adopted person and family mental health counseling with emphasis on transracial adoption. She aims to increase awareness about the mental health needs of the adoption kinship network. She developed and provided workshops, presentations, and panel discussions for mental health and social services providers to disseminate information about mental health counseling with adopted persons and families. In addition, her dissertation research examined how elementary school counselors identify and collaborate with transracially adopted children and their families.

To date, Branco has offered more than 60 professional presentations and published in two scholarly journals and in *Counseling Today*, the magazine of the American Counseling Association (ACA). She also served on an ACA taskforce to develop counselor competencies when working with multiple-heritage persons and members of the transracial adoption kinship network. This award will enable Branco to continue to pursue supervision skills training. As a counselor educator and clinical supervisor, she will utilize the funds to effectively, empathically and ethically train, mentor and supervise future professional counselors.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.nbccf.org. CCE, a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the funding for this award. More information about CCE credentials is available at www.cce-global.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 (NCCs) 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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