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NBCC Foundation Awards 2017 Scholarship to Dr. Thomasina Odom Lawson



Myrtle Beach, SC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2017 NBCC Foundation [Approved Clinical Supervisor](#) (ACS) training awards to Dr. Thomasina Odom Lawson, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The goal of this scholarship program is to increase the number of available Approved Clinical Supervisors. Dr. Lawson will receive \$500 to support her attainment of the ACS credential.

Dr. Lawson's research interests center on counselor preparation and supervision of non-traditional students who are pursuing counseling as an encore career. She has extensively researched the role of perfectionism among non-traditional students and is particularly interested in improving academic and psychosocial outcomes among this population. As a result of her research, the Georgia College Counseling Association awarded her the President's

Award in 2015, and the American College Counseling Association identified her as an Emerging Leader. Most recently, Dr. Lawson was awarded the Outstanding Professional Contribution to Knowledge Award by the Georgia College Counseling Association. Currently, she is conducting a research study exploring student resistance to receiving critical feedback and its implications for professional identity development. Dr. Lawson's commitment to the counseling profession is connected to clinical supervision and mentorship. Viewed by both her students and colleagues as an advocate for students, Dr. Lawson has published several articles and facilitated numerous workshops and conferences focusing on professional identity and career development of counselors-in-training. Earning the ACS designation will increase her credibility not only within the profession but with the students whom she serves.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.nbccf.org. The Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the grant funding for this award. More information about the ACS and other 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 64,000 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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