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Brittany L. Prioleau Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Charlotte, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Brittany L. Prioleau, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Doctoral Counselors (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Doctoral Fellow, Prioleau will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NBCC Foundation administers the MFP, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all board certified counselors. 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 Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to Prioleau and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Prioleau is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and North Carolina State University, and she is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is committed to serving underserved populations by promoting mental health initiatives through an integrative holistic wellness approach. Prioleau's research focuses on aligning practice with multicultural awareness and advocacy in communities of color. She earned her MEd in clinical mental health counseling with a focus on effective treatment and assessment of underserved youth populations.

Prioleau has clinical experience working with a variety of ages, including adolescents, young adults, adults, and families in community settings. She also has experience as a K–12 school counselor in urban school settings. Her research experience focuses on mental health awareness and the effects of childhood trauma. She fosters research and training to prepare schools and communities with knowledge and tools to better serve these populations. Her current research examines trauma-informed care practices within urban school settings. Prioleau is also currently working with community partners in Charlotte, North Carolina, to develop psychoeducational mental health programming for community members. She is excited to be a part of the 2020 cohort of the Minority Fellowship Program and to become an effective scholar, researcher, and practitioner. This fellowship will provide her an opportunity to gain additional education through service, research, and training to competently serve underserved minority populations.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M) and 40 [master's-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The NBCC Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2020. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows.

*Biographical information provided by the awardee.

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 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The NBCC Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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