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Chanale D. Propst Awarded \$10,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Charlotte, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Chanale D. Propst of Charlotte, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M). As an NBCC MFP-MHC-M Fellow, Propst will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP-MHC-M 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-MHC-M, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all board certified counselors. 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 number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$10,000 to Propst and the other 29 master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Propst is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and is currently enrolled at East Carolina University, where she is pursuing a master's degree in the counselor education program. Upon graduation, Propst intends to work with ethnic minority students in higher education, specifically African American students at predominantly White institutions, by systematically and emphatically addressing the effects of disparities that impact student's psychosocial development. Furthermore, Propst desires to expand her college mentoring organization, Honest | Conversations, to provide space for minority women to gain knowledge through psychoeducational programming and benefit from therapeutic counseling groups. She also plans to engage in social justice work within the community, with a desire to integrate counseling interventions to help those experiencing the impacts of poverty and gentrification heal and gain the tools needed to thrive. Earning this fellowship will allow Propst to attend counseling conferences and additional training to enhance her multicultural and social justice competencies and learn from and collaborate with other counseling professionals in an effort to better serve underserved populations and communities.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the MFP 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-MHC-M 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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