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Chanell D. Nash Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



San Antonio, TX—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Chanell D. Nash, of San Antonio, Texas, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Nash will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation in collaboration with the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NBCC Foundation administers the MFP-AC, 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 available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$15,000 to Nash and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Nash is a graduate of The University of Texas at San Antonio and is currently a master's student in the addiction counseling program at Texas Tech University Health Science Center. After graduation, Nash will be focusing on young women, and more specifically, those who have been subjected to the world of addiction through familial ties and/or have young children of their own. Earning this fellowship will provide her the opportunity to arm herself with knowledge on how to contribute to fracturing the cycle of this generational disease for young women. The fellowship will also provide her with mentorship so that she may be able to widen the scope of her company, Courageous Changes Recovery Homes. Nash will then be able to assist their female residents' personal growth using evidence-based and culturally appropriate practices.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the MFP and 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M). The NBCC Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC 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 more than 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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