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Curtis A. Warren Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Baltimore, MD—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Curtis A. Warren, of Baltimore, Maryland, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Warren will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Warren and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Warren is a graduate of Bowie State University and is currently a master's student in the addiction counseling program at Coppin State University. Upon graduation, Warren intends to work with African American men and boys, veterans, and returning citizens struggling with substance use disorders (SUDs). Living in Baltimore City has allowed him to see firsthand the struggles of people who are often marginalized and where mental health support services are limited or absent. As an Iraq War veteran, he has a unique perspective on the needs of veterans and their journey home. In 2019, he co-founded the Brothers Helping Brothers support group. The mission is to provide anger management, group counseling, and mental health support services for men and boys. He has dedicated his life to service and will continue being an advocate for the men and boys in Baltimore City. Earning this fellowship will allow Warren to expand his knowledge base by attending local and national conferences hosted by subject matter experts. It will also allow him to expand his network and be a better counseling professional and advocate for those he serves.

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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