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Daniel Cisneros Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Sacramento, CA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Daniel Cisneros, of Sacramento, California, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Doctoral Counselors (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Doctoral Fellow, Cisneros will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Cisneros and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Cisneros is a graduate of University of California, Davis and California State University, Sacramento, and he is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Oregon State University. Cisneros is in the process of completing a corpus linguistic study of the LGBTQ+ coming out process through analysis of the identity and multicultural development models in which he answers key research questions focused on LGBTQ+ minority-identifying communities.

Through this research, Cisneros hopes to identify keyness and collocations of the two identity models so counselors and therapists can assist LGBTQ+ individuals overcome the challenges they face at individual stages and move them toward integration and identity synthesis. He is currently the mental health coordinator of Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD). In this role, he serves as the manager of the district's 'Connect Center,' which is a centralized student support center that serves as a gateway to critical support services for students and families in the school district. It offers an innovative solution to addressing the health, wellness, and educational needs of SCUSD's children, youth, and families, with specialized services for outreach, training, and services for LGBTQ+ students. This fellowship will help Cisneros to enhance his research area through direct service, community access, training opportunities, and advocacy for underserved minority populations. This fellowship will also help him get involved with LGBTQ+ and minority serving professional organizations on the West Coast.

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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