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Ebony Breanna Robinson Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Winterville, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Ebony Breanna Robinson, of Winterville, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Robinson 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 Robinson and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Robinson is both a graduate of and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at East Carolina University. Upon graduation, Robinson intends to work with at-risk youth in oppressed and underrepresented communities. She would like to work with all minority populations, including persons with disabilities and the LGBTQ+ community. She wants to educate these populations on mental health and the benefits of counseling, while reducing the negative stigmas and stereotypes that surround it. Earning this fellowship will allow Robinson to strengthen her skills, network with other professionals, and develop a stronger professional identity.

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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