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Isaac Robert Dieterman Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Big Rapids, MI—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Isaac Robert Dieterman, of Big Rapids, Michigan, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Dieterman 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 Dieterman and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Dieterman is both a graduate of and is currently enrolled as a master's student in the addiction counseling program at Central Michigan University. Upon graduation, Dieterman intends to continue working for Ten16 Recovery Network, serving individuals of various minority backgrounds such as those in rural areas, individuals of low socioeconomic status, racial minorities, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. Dieterman's main goal is to help individuals gain freedom from addiction and build a new life in recovery. Earning this fellowship will allow Dieterman to attend various counseling conferences, establish a learning community of fellowship members, learn best practices for serving the underserved, and better advocate for his clients and the counseling profession.

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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