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Kadeedra Ayesha Harrison Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Camden, NJ—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Kadeedra Ayesha Harrison, of Camden, New Jersey, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Harrison 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 Harrison and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Harrison is a graduate of Rowan University and is currently a master's student in the addiction counseling program at Drexel University. Upon graduation, Harrison intends to continue her work in Camden, New Jersey, serving the geriatric population. She is currently employed at a nonprofit agency that services a multitude of underserved populations; however, many of her patients are in the geriatric population who reside in long-term care facilities. Earning this fellowship will allow Harrison to connect with and surround herself with distinguished professionals. She will be able to develop her counseling skills through mentorship, attending counseling conferences and webinars, and building connections that will provide her with continued support. Her newly developed skills will support and aid her in continuing her journey in assisting and servicing the geriatric population.

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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