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### **Kirah N. Doerr Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation**



Philomath, OR—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Kirah N. Doerr, of Philomath, Oregon, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Doerr 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 Doerr and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Doerr is a graduate of Oregon State University and is currently a master's student in the addiction counseling program at Purdue University Global. Upon graduation, Doerr intends to work with youth exposed to insecure housing and unhealthy relationships, particularly those impacted by addiction. She would also like to work with organizations such as the Department of Human Services and health departments to collaboratively support communities. Specifically, she would like to work with family systems therapies to intervene with and end cycles of poverty. Doerr has enjoyed working in rural health care where mental health services may not be as established as larger cities but where the sense of community is strong. Earning this fellowship will allow her to continue on her path to support marginalized populations burdened by addictions. This opportunity will help her connect with other professionals, learn evidence-based practices, grow as a counselor, and prepare her to effectively advocate for the beautiful community she grew up in.

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](http://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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