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### **NBCC Foundation Awards Scholarship to Dr. Jonique R. Childs**



Amherst, MA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a 2020–2021 [Global Career Development Facilitator](#) (GCDF) scholarship to Dr. Jonique R. Childs, of Amherst, Massachusetts. The goal of the GCDF scholarship is to increase the number of available counselors providing quality career guidance and facilitation. Childs will receive up to \$1,000 towards the cost of an approved GCDF training.

Dr. Jonique R. Childs is an assistant professor in the College of Education Student Development program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She completed her PhD in counselor education and supervision from the University of Iowa. Additionally, she has completed a graduate minor in multicultural education and cultural competency, is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), and National Certified Counselor (NCC). Dr. Childs has also completed dual master's degrees (MS, EdS) in school and clinical mental health counseling with an emphasis in career development. Dr. Childs has previous experiences as an at-risk school counselor, college career counselor and recruiter, and clinical mental health counselor on the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Dr. Childs has served various individuals from different ethnic backgrounds to include adolescents, high school students, undergraduates, graduate students, and older adults.

Her research investigates the psychosocial needs of students of color that also identify as first-generation in K–12 and postsecondary education. Her research seeks to systematically examine the personal, social, emotional, academic, and career attainment of postsecondary education first-generation college students of color and the interconnectedness of mental well-being with an emphasis in help-seeking behaviors and attitudes for personal counseling and career services. Dr. Child's research seeks to advance the knowledge about this vulnerable and marginalized population by contributing needed knowledge to promote student success and mental well-being. Other areas of interest include first-generation college students' career development and decision-making, multicultural education, cultural competency, social justice advocacy practices, leadership characteristics, and mental health awareness.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The NBCC Foundation in collaboration with the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) provides training awards and scholarships to assist counseling and other professionals in attaining CCE credentials and to support and increase their ongoing professional development and continuing education opportunities.

For more information about NBCC Foundation scholarship opportunities as well as CCE-sponsored scholarships, visit [nbccf.org](http://nbccf.org). More information about the GCDF and other CCE credentials is available at [cce-global.org](http://cce-global.org).

## 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 Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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