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NBCC Foundation Awards Scholarship to Keisha Hammond Johnson



Stockbridge, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a 2020–2021 [Board Certified-TeleMental Health Provider](#) (BC-TMH) training award to Keisha Hammond Johnson, of Stockbridge, Georgia. The goal of this scholarship, provided through funding from the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), is to increase the reach and professional development of counselors throughout the nation. Johnson will receive \$500 to support her attainment of the BC-TMH Provider credential.

Keisha Hammond Johnson has been a Licensed Professional Counselor for over 15 years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina, and a Master of Arts in counseling and psychological services from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. She has more recently earned a Master of Business Administration from Keller University. Mrs. Johnson has experience working with adults, adolescents, and children and providing individual, group, and family counseling for psychiatric and dual diagnoses to underserved populations within the state of Georgia through her private practice agency. Her goals are to educate, encourage, and enrich the lives of her clients, families, and the community through her commitment to advocacy, mental health, family wellness, and leadership. She is dedicated to providing a safe, nonjudgmental, comfortable environment while walking with clients through the healing process by developing trust in the therapeutic alliance and using integrative approaches, including cognitive-behavioral, trauma-focused, and strength-based.

She has chosen to work with under-represented and underserved minorities who are generally also those with limited financial resources, less education, reduced access to technology, and for whom it has been a challenge advancing to telemental health. Her goal as a BC-TMH is to bridge the gap between providing traditional in-office therapy with more modern and convenient mental health services to cater to the ever-changing, fast-paced society and to make services more accessible. She feels that this certification will allow her to broaden her reach in the community and share her expertise via telehealth, especially during this time of social distancing.

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 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. More information about the BC-TMH and other CCE credentials is available at 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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