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Cassidy Conway Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Charlotte, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Cassidy Conway, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Conway will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority 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 Foundation administers the MFP-AC, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). 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 MFP will distribute up to \$15,000 to Conway and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Conway is a graduate of Drexel University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is currently a master's student in the addictions counseling program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Following graduation, Conway plans on continuing to serve populations within the urban Charlotte area, specifically providing counseling for substance use treatment. Conway is focusing her current clinical work on individuals experiencing homelessness. She intends to provide assistance and support to those seeking treatment for substance use. Her clinical interests also include working in areas providing substance use services for veterans as well as the queer community. Earning this fellowship will provide Conway the ability to finish her final year in the counseling program, attend conferences and network with professionals, and provide the opportunity to pursue additional training to increase her skill set and advance her competency as a counselor.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows>.

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 65,000 board certified counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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