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Clark D. Ausloos Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Perrysburg, OH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Clark D. Ausloos, of Perrysburg, Ohio, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Ausloos will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his service to underserved minority populations.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to Ausloos and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Ausloos is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, in Stevens Point, and is both a student and graduate of The University of Toledo, in Ohio, where he is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in the counselor education and supervision program. Ausloos is a professional counselor, educator, researcher, and doctoral student, with a passion for working with vulnerable, underserved populations, specifically the transgender and gender expansive populations. He has worked with youth, adolescents, and young adults in K–12 schools as a school counselor, as well with college students, and now in a private practice setting. He is a strong advocate for marginalized youth in the community and schools and works systemically to create change. Last year, he partnered with a local hospital's endocrinology unit to provide opportunities for referrals to affirming and safe gender care for trans* clients. He also works as a consultant for local public schools, providing professional trainings for school stakeholders in working with LGBTQIA+ students. He is currently working on a quantitative research project that examines professional school counselors' levels of self-perceived competence in working with trans* youth in schools, with the hope of this research informing future trans*-affirmative trainings in schools.

He conducts rigorous research at The University of Toledo, with two manuscripts currently under review in professional counseling journals. He has presented research at regional and national conferences, including the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling Conference (2018), the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference (2018), the All Ohio Counselors Conference (2018), the University of Toledo's LGBTQ Issues Conference (2019) and the American Counseling Association Conference (2019). Additionally, he facilitates undergraduate and graduate courses in school counseling, clinical mental health, theories and techniques, substance abuse, and assessment in counseling. In the classroom, he is intentional in fostering a constructivist, student-centered environment, while diversifying case examples and course content to include a myriad of marginalized populations, increasing visibility and reducing

stigma for people of varying gender identities. With intentionality and with inclusivity, he hopes to model for others an openness, a willingness to learn, and an ability to engage in uncomfortable discourse.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M) and 40 [master's-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit 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 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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