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NBCC Foundation Awards 2019 Scholarship to K. Toi Washington-Simon



East Elmhurst, NY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2019 Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) professional development awards to Ms. K. Toi Washington-Simon, of East Elmhurst, New York. The goal of this scholarship program is to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders. Ms. Washington-Simon will receive \$500 to advance her professional identity and development.

Ms. Washington-Simon is a licensed professional counselor and licensed associate marriage and family therapist. She received both her Bachelor of Science in communication arts and Master of Science in counseling from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York, and a post-master's educational specialist (EdS) degree in marriage and family

therapy from The College of New Jersey in Ewing. Currently, she is actively pursuing her Doctorate of Marriage and Family Therapy (DMFT) at Northcentral University. As a licensed mental health professional, she works with individuals and families helping them deal with relational issues and stressful situations in order to help improve their focus on life tasks. Working to develop strategies to help individuals obtain personal success during periods of social and emotional distress is at the core of her work and what she finds most rewarding. Ms. Washington-Simon's professional experience includes serving as an instructor with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey's School of Continuing Education. She also has worked for several New York City agencies, including the Administration for Children's Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Correction, and Department of Education. Her experiences and specialized interests include working with individuals, families, and couples who are justice-involved; identify as LGBTQIA; are experiencing concerns related to body image, sex, and sexuality; and coping with employment-related matters (employee assistance program). As a recipient of the professional development award, she plans to earn her Board Certified-TeleMental Health Provider (BC-TMH) credential so she can continue serving individuals in marginalized communities.

For more information about NBCC Foundation scholarship opportunities as well as CCE-sponsored scholarships, visit nbccf.org. More information about 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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