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NBCC Foundation Awards 2019 Scholarship to Dr. Kirk G. Bowden



Gilbert, AZ—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 Dr. Kirk G. Bowden, of Gilbert, Arizona. The goal of this scholarship program is to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders. Dr. Bowden will receive \$500 to advance his professional identity and development.

Dr. Bowden, LPC, LISAC, MAC, NCC, is the faculty chair of the Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Program at Rio Salado College in Tempe, Arizona. He is highly involved in higher education counselor development and public policy advocacy and development on behalf of the counseling profession. His development efforts have been widespread both in his home state of Arizona and nationally, and his career as a counselor and counselor educator has spanned more than 30 years. He is a past-president of NAADAC, the Association of Addiction Professionals and is a member of the board of directors and past-president of the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education (INCASE). He served for 13 years on the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, including two terms as the board's chair. Dr. Bowden currently chairs the American Counseling Association's Publications Committee, and he also serves as an advisory editor for the *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction* and chairs the editorial review committee of *Advances in Addiction & Recovery*. He served on the Opioids Review Panel of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and served on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Coalition for National Clinical Criteria steering committee. He has also served on several SAMHSA expert panel steering committees, including Partners for Recovery and Scopes of Practice in the Field of Substance Use Disorders.

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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