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**Michell L Temple Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates**

Greeneville, TN—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Michell L Temple, of Greeneville, Tennessee, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Temple will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her 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 Temple and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Temple is a graduate of Emerson College, in Boston, Massachusetts, the University of West Georgia, in Carrollton, Georgia State University, in Atlanta, Ithaca College, in New York, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Regent University, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Temple currently serves as the Mental Health Counselor and ADA Coordinator at Tusculum University, where she provides counseling and disability services to enrolled students. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor and National Certified Counselor. She is also licensed as a professional counselor in the state of Georgia and a professional counselor with Mental Health Service Provider designation (temporary) in Tennessee. Temple intends to serve as core faculty in a counselor education program teaching core and elective courses that integrate disability studies and trauma-informed care content both didactically and experientially. She plans to bridge the gap between counseling services and underserved minority communities by contributing to the available research knowledge in the areas of culturally competent Christian counseling, the process of integration of personal and professional values and beliefs for counseling professionals, and the relationship between counselor awareness of trauma on cultural competency. This fellowship will help Temple engage in research and training activities related to people with disabilities from diverse backgrounds, addiction, and counselor education. The fellowship will also help her get involved in professional organizations.

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](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 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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