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Veronica Wade-Hampton Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Memphis, TN—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Veronica Wade-Hampton, of Memphis, Tennessee, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Wade-Hampton 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 Wade-Hampton and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Wade-Hampton is a graduate of The University of Memphis, in Tennessee, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Capella University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Wade-Hampton is a Licensed Professional Counselor with specialty endorsement as a Mental Health Service Provider (LPC-MHSP) and Approved Clinical Supervisor in Tennessee as well as a National Certified Counselor. She holds an additional state license in Arkansas with specialty endorsement in Clinical Mental Health (LPC-CMH). She has over 15 years of experience working in the mental health profession providing services to a wide array of clients, which range from youth in state custody or involved in the juvenile justice system to adults and families of veterans, those who are victims of domestic violence, and individuals with co-occurring disorders. Her goal is to complete her PhD in counseling education and supervision with plans to expand current practice to provide services in nearby rural communities and establish a nonprofit organization that will serve children and adolescents, which will encompass mentoring and community services. Additionally, she will increase mentoring of counselors-in-training and those seeking supervision for licensure. Finally, Wade-Hampton plans to conduct research regarding topics such as the impact of lack of mental health providers in rural areas where there are current shortages and the effect of professional counselors opting to not provide clinical supervision to counselors-in-training.

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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