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### Chanta (Pressley) Moore Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Greenville, SC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Chanta (Pressley) Moore, of Greenville, South Carolina, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Moore 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 first awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in August 2012. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP, as well as 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 MFP will distribute \$20,000 to Moore and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Moore is a graduate of Lander University, in Greenwood, South Carolina, and is both a student and graduate of the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision. Moore's research interests include the clinical supervision of professional school counselors, increasing parental involvement for low-income and minority families, and topics related to at-risk youth, particularly those in disciplinary alternative school programs (i.e., evidence-based interventions designed to meet their complex mental health and educational needs and innovative reintegration strategies to aid these students in their transition back to the traditional school setting). Moore is currently a doctoral student and research assistant in the College of Education. In addition to providing therapeutic services to vulnerable youth, in her department's community counseling center, Moore provides pro bono clinical care to clients who otherwise may not be able to access or afford services. This fellowship will help Moore continue to provide culturally responsive care to underserved populations through direct service, advocacy, and outreach activities, while increasing her opportunities to provide leadership to the profession through research, professional presentations/publications, and the training of direct practitioners.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) and 34 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors](#) (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2018. 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 64,000 board-certified counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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