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Sandra Marie Quotson Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Youngstown, OH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Sandra Marie Quotson, of Youngstown, Ohio, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Quotson will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-AC, 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 reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the

available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Quotson and the 33 other master’s-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Quotson is both a student and graduate of Youngstown State University, in Ohio, where she is currently pursuing a master’s in addictions counseling and school counseling. She is passionate about and dedicated to working with youth and young adults impacted by mental health problems and addiction in underserved urban communities. Quotson advocates that it is paramount that we do all that is possible to ensure that all receive services needed to help bring their lives toward health and happiness. This award will help her to grow as a clinician by allowing her to invest more time into her education and clinical skill development, providing opportunities to engage in various professional development sessions, and connecting her to a culture and network of like-minded professionals.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 30 \$8,000 master’s-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in fall 2018. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <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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