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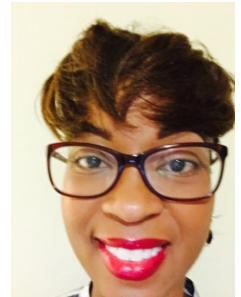
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### Candice Epps Jackson Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Candice Epps Jackson, of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Jackson 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 Jackson and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Jackson is a graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh and is both a student and graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in counseling and counselor education. Jackson's research areas include targeted populations such as African Americans who may have social and capital disadvantages and thus are socially, economically, educationally and professionally disenfranchised. Specifically, she is interested in researching and mentoring women of color in academia as they move through the academic pipeline and combat the gendered and colored nature of the academe. Furthermore, she is interested in working with black males at predominately white institutions to explore their perceptions of themselves with regards to race and gender, their experiences with racially derived stressors, and their thoughts, emotions and behaviors related to such distress. As a college counselor by training, she is dedicated to collaborating with and fostering connections across K-12 schools, families and communities. Jackson's goal as a Fellow is to continue to work toward becoming more culturally competent and, as an African-American female with firsthand experiences with many issues unique to the African-American and minority population, she is motivated and humbled by the prospect of being able to pay it forward. Pursuing additional training tailored to the needs of this particular population, working as a practitioner and academician bringing to the fore issues related to black men and women are some ways she is committed to serving minority communities. The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org](http://www.nbccf.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 55,000 National 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.