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NBCC Foundation Awards 2017 Scholarship to Jyotsana Sharma

Blacksburg, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2017 NBCC Foundation <u>Approved Clinical Supervisor</u> (ACS) training awards to Jyotsana Sharma, of Blacksburg, Virginia. The goal of this scholarship program is to increase the number of available Approved Clinical Supervisors. Sharma will receive \$500 to support her attainment of the ACS credential.

Sharma's main area of interest is post-trauma growth or thriving. She is interested in studying the process of empowerment in women and hopes to help women in various cultures understand how this process applies to them in their cultural context. Sharma is passionate about research related to childhood and adolescent attachment, as well as the neurobiological aspects of abuse and trauma and their effects on brain development. She hopes that through her research she is able to help educate parents regarding the effects of

transgenerational trauma and the cycle of abuse that she hopes can be broken by spreading awareness and educating current and future parents. Through this scholarship, Sharma hopes to reach counselors-in-training for similar purposes, providing supervision that helps aid counselor development. Sharma believes that fostering curiosity is the key to being passionate about learning beyond competencies, and that is what she hopes to foster for her supervisees.

For more information or to make a donation, visit <u>www.nbccf.org</u>. The Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the grant funding for this award. More information about the ACS and other CCE credentials is available at <u>www.cce-global.org</u>.

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 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) 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.