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Princilla Ursery Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Kalamazoo, MI—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Princilla Ursery, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Ursery 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 \$11,000 to Ursery and the other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Ursery is a graduate of Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and is currently a master's student majoring in clinical mental health counseling and special program alcohol and drug addiction at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Upon graduation, she intends to work with the vulnerable populations of children and teenagers with or without comorbid issues related to substance use and mental illness. This fellowship will provide her with financial assistance toward completing her degree and will provide additional training and resources for working with transition-age youth and vulnerable populations.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit 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.

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