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Latoya Haynes-Thoby Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Philadelphia, PA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Latoya Haynes-Thoby, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Haynes-Thoby 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 Haynes-Thoby and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Haynes-Thoby is both a graduate and student of Pennsylvania State University, in State College, where she is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in the counselor education and supervision program. Haynes-Thoby's research interests focus on understanding the impact of trauma histories on parent-child relationships, trauma recovery, trauma's role in the development of self-concept, and career development. Haynes-Thoby currently serves as a counseling supervisor for master's-level career counselors serving students in the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering at Penn State, and she also provides supervision for counseling students at the CEDAR Clinic. Haynes-Thoby serves as a practicum counselor at the Counseling and Psychological Services center on campus. She was recently selected as an Emerging Leader for the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and she is a member of several professional counseling associations. Haynes-Thoby's current roles also include service as a graduate researcher and co-teacher for master's-level courses in counselor education. This award will help Haynes-Thoby to provide additional counselor training to master's-level counseling students and to provide direct counseling to underserved populations. In addition, the fellowship will allow her to complete training to sharpen her skills in trauma-informed care and the inclusion of trauma-informed care in counselor training. Haynes-Thoby is also excited about the opportunity through this fellowship to competently provide services to underserved populations and to seek additional opportunities to engage professional counseling organizations.

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.

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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