

# NBCC NEWSNOTES

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## NBCC SEEKS COOPERATION AND INSPIRES COALITIONS

By Tom Clawson, NBCC Executive Director

During my tenure as executive director of NBCC, I have noted the many occasions the NBCC Board of Directors has entered relationships with other organizations. In every instance, the reasons for these collaborations have been to better or protect the future of counseling, or simply to be helpful.

The creation of specialty certification is a service to the profession. NBCC reacts to specialty groups who request specialty status. In essence, the five specialty certificates of NBCC continue relationships with the Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA), the American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA), the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the International Association for Addictions and Offenders Counselor (IAAOC), and the National Career Development Association (NCDA)—all divisions of the American Counseling Association (ACA). The standards for the general practice National Certified Counselor (NCC) are consistent with the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards of training. NBCC and CACREP have always maintained an excellent working relationship.

But cooperation within our profession **should be** the norm. I mention the above only to point out that what our certificants expect is, in fact, happening. Several years ago, the NBCC Board mandated the NBCC staff to seek or encourage cooperation outside the normal ACA arena, in order to strengthen the stature of counseling to the public, to other professions, and to state and federal governments. The list of NBCC involvement is extensive and growing:

- When NBCC gained accredited status from the National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA), we placed a public member on the board. We have had two public members who, while serving with NBCC, have also been involved with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP): Gene Lehrman was AARP president, and Robert Shreve was chairman of the AARP Board of Directors. Both members have been valuable assets to our governance, bringing vast knowledge of boards, policy, finance, and corporate structure. AARP is the largest association in the world, with more than 33 million members.
- *Mental Health, United States—1992 and 1996* have both contained chapter portions describing counseling. This Department of Health and

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## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following NCCs were adjudicated by the NBCC Ethics Hearing Committee for violating the NBCC Code of Ethics. Sanctions are listed after each name.

**Patrick Farley**, #22333, Suspended, one year

**Donald Meeder**, #24279, Suspended, one year

**Michael Fink**, #01110, Suspended, two months

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Human Services publication describes most of the mental health professions and population service needs for congressional planners. NBCC coordinated and wrote most of the counseling sections. It is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

- ❑ The 2000 census is upon us, and NBCC was asked to comment on better describing the occupational differences among counselors. We found the old census designations to be outdated and gladly provided more definition.
- ❑ NBCC has been part of an ongoing project sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create an exhaustive survey to gather data on mental health practitioners. Each profession will use the same minimum data set of information, so SAMHSA can track how the population is served.
- ❑ We've talked about the Fair Access Coalition on Testing (FACT). NBCC is the physical center of the coordination of FACT's meetings, Web page, and communications. FACT represents more than 500,000 testing professionals from 25 organizations within and outside counseling.
- ❑ NBCC is cooperating with the Association for Assessment in Counseling (AAC) to create a summer fellowship program. (See page 8.)
- ❑ The Commission for Rehabilitation Counselor Certification has always had a collegial relationship with NBCC. Recent months find us exploring the avenues of cooperation and collaboration to help unify counseling.
- ❑ NBCC was instrumental in assembling the group that later became a coalition of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification and NBCC to promulgate one standard and one moniker for master's level addictions counselors.
- ❑ NBCC cooperates, provides materials, and writes letters or statements for state licensure boards and to groups seeking licensure. This has been an ongoing concern of NBCC since its inception.
- ❑ NBCC provides written materials and policy discussions for the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Information Agency, the Office of Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services, and many requesting organizations.

Because of space, I've just highlighted some of the cooperative and collaborative ventures we continue to promote. In short, NBCC is staying the course of being the premier certifying body of general practitioner counselors, while making sure that others know about NBCC and you, our certificants. ❑

**Editor's note:** Tom Clawson recently has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education. The center is a consortium of higher education associations and quality assurance bodies housed at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, DC.

## NCCs OF NOTE

**Stuart G. Itzkowitz**, Ph.D., NCC, of Detroit, MI, was honored by the Michigan Counseling Association as the recipient of the group's 1996 Human Rights Award. Earlier this year, he received the ACA Kitty Cole Human Rights Award.

**Wyatt D. Kirk**, Ed.D., NCC, of Pleasant Garden, NC, has been elected vice president of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association. He obtained his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from WMU.



Wyatt D. Kirk

Kirk also was recently appointed chair of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The chairperson of the Department of Human Development and Services at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, he is also a member of the NBCC Board of Directors.

**A. Scott McGowan**, Ph.D., NCC, of Yonkers, NY, was presented the Joseph W. and Lucille U. Hollis Publication Award by the Association for Humanistic Education and Development at the 1997 ACA Convention in Orlando. In addition, the New York Counseling Association honored him with a special award in Albany, NY, for "Dedicated Service" and granted him life membership in the association. McGowan is editor of *The Journal of Humanistic Education and Development*; cochair of the Coun-

cil of ACA Editors; and professor of education in the Department of Counseling and Development, at the CW Post Campus, Long Island University (LIU). He is also coordinator of LIU's graduate program at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY.

**Sue McLaren**, NCC, of Kimberton, PA, is a registered spiritual healer in the United Kingdom and Australia, as well as a certified healing touch practitioner and instructor. She is included in *Who's Who of American Women (1997-1998)*. Her private practice in Kimberton incorporates healing touch, counseling, hospice care, Reliki, Spirit Releasement Therapy, and Tellington touch.

**William W. Purkey**, Ph.D., NCC, of Greensboro, NC, recently received The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching. This recognition is the highest award for teaching given by the North Carolina university system. He also recently coauthored, with John Schmidt, the new book *Invitational Counseling: A Self-concept Approach to Professional Practice* (published by Brooks-Cole, 1996). Purkey is professor of counselor education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**Pat Reeves**, NCC, NCCC, NCGC, of Okinawa, Japan, is project director of U.S. Military Parent Support Programs. She is

also the former director of counseling at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

**Larry A. Sellitto**, Ph.D., NCC, of Irwin, PA, was recently selected by Marquis Who's Who for inclusion in its first edition of *Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care*. Sellitto was selected for inclusion in this initial edition for achievements in treating addictive disorders. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. Since 1987, he has been program director of the Professionals Education Network, a program geared towards the outpatient treatment of impaired healthcare professionals. Sellitto held various positions in the field of addiction treatment, most recently spending 11 years as project coordinator of the St. Francis Medical Center outreach program in Monroeville, PA.

## VOLUNTARY AUDITS

*The following NCCs have passed the Voluntary Audit by completing and documenting more than 130 hours of continuing education activities within the five-year certification cycle. These professionals have demonstrated their dedication to excellence, and NBCC salutes them. Congratulations!*

**Margaret L. Stevens**, #20458,  
Lynchburg, WV

**Natalie Lemmon Parker**, #26455,  
Boulder, CO

**Stan Hunt Mahaffey**, #28585,  
Jonesboro, LA

**Phyllis Lola Press**, #28302, Dayton, OH

**Sylvia Rosenberg**, #17630,  
Brooklyn, NY

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## NEW NBCC BOARD MEMBER AND OFFICERS NAMED

Lynn E. Brueske, a National Certified Counselor in private practice in Jacksonville, FL, has been elected to the NBCC Board of Directors. She also holds certification as a Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor and as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida. Brueske replaces Elinor Waters, whose term on the board expired in June.



Lynn E. Brueske

The NBCC Board of Directors officers for fiscal year 1998 are Janine M.



Janine M. Bernard

Bernard, chair; Sandra I. Lopez-Baez, chair-elect; and Virginia Villarreal-Mann, secretary. The board now has 10 members. □

## NOTE: A CHANGE IN ANNUAL RENEWAL FEES

NBCC has assumed an ever-expanding role in professional issues and ethics involving counselors. The costs involved with such activities now average about \$35 per National Certified Counselor (NCC). This cost does not include expenses to review the credentials of new applicants, or to administer the exam, nor does it cover any costs associated with general office administration or governance activities such as board meetings. NBCC has been fortunate enough to establish other sources of revenue to help in covering those costs.

However, to continue to fulfill the NBCC mission and continue its role in professional issues, the board must ensure that NBCC will remain fiscally sound. Therefore, for the first time since 1989, the board voted to increase the annual maintenance fee. **This increase will raise fees from \$25 per year to \$35 per year.**

The first billing affected will be for NCCs with December renewal dates. Bills will be mailed to those NCCs during November 1997. NCCs with June renewal dates will see the change reflected in the bills they receive in May 1998. NBCC expresses its gratitude for the prompt manner in which NCCs have paid their fees. This support has provided, and will continue to provide, vital resources for the counseling profession. □

## A CAREGIVER'S HANDBOOK TO PERINATAL LOSS NAMED "BEST PROFESSIONAL BOOK" BY MIDWEST INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS

*A Caregiver's Handbook To Perinatal Loss* by Gary E. Vogel, M.A., NCC, recently received a first place Midwest Book Achievement Award presented by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association in St. Paul, MN.

*A Caregiver's Handbook To Perinatal Loss* is a book written for the professional caregiver who comes in contact with individuals who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss. As a clinical psychotherapist, grief support group leader, consultant, and father of a full-term stillborn baby girl, Vogel's perspective on childbearing loss is broad yet personal.

The book is a reference text that reads quickly and concisely in only 86 pages. It's broken down into discipline specific sections for physicians, nurses, counselors, support group leaders, pastors, funeral directors, social workers, and hospital clerical staff.

Vogel resides in the Orlando, FL, area where he is in private practice and a support group leader at a local hospital.

For more information about *A Caregiver's Handbook to Perinatal Loss*, contact A Place To Remember, 1885 University Avenue, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN, 55104 or call 612-645-7045 or 800-631-0973. □

# NATIONAL CERTIFIED COUNSELORS TOTAL 26,000

For some applicants, the last requirement for “certification” is to attain a passing score on the National Certification Examination. For others, “certification” comes when NBCC receives a final piece of documentation. So, we can’t tell you exactly when, and we can’t tell you “who,” but early this summer, we certified the 26,000th active NCC.

We didn’t stop the presses, strike up the band, or set off fireworks. The staff just continued to answer questions, review applications for certification, process score reports, make arrangements for the next examination, and complete all the other tasks that go into processing and maintaining records of NCCs and specialty certificants who recognize and appreciate the value of national certification.

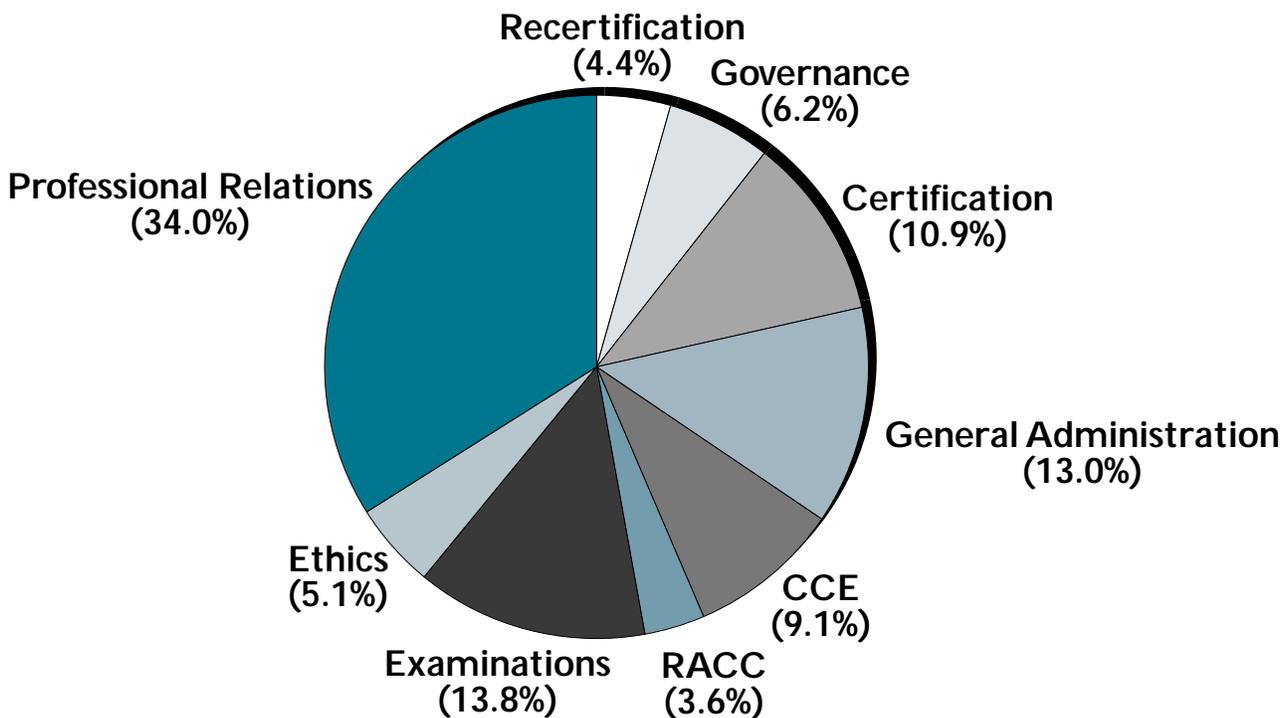
However, this is a significant milestone for NBCC; we entered the 1990s below the 14,000 mark. NCCs can be proud of your status as a growing number of professional counselors whose training and skills have been tested and certified at the national level.

By the way, at press time, the count stood at 26,015 NCCs. □



## BUDGETED EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR 1997/1998



## DIVERSITY: NBCC BOARD TAKES A LOOK

By Virginia Villarreal-Mann

At the American Counseling Association's conference in Pittsburgh last year, seven NBCC board members attended a day-long workshop titled, "Multi-cultural Competencies: Essentials in a World of Change." Featured speakers included Drs. Derald Wing Sue, Thomas A. Parham, and Patricia Arredondo. Dr. Sue, who discussed strategies for implementing diversity in organizations, pointed out that for an organization to become truly diverse, there must be commitment from the top. At that time, board members in attendance began exploring the questions: "Is NBCC a multicultural organization?" and "What can we do to become more multicultural?"

In January, I facilitated a diversity workshop for the board and four NBCC staff members using the National Coalition Building Institute's model. The premise of the model is that everyone has been affected by prejudice and stereotypes; and that shaming, blaming, and trying to induce guilt become the glue that holds prejudice in place. This becomes counterproductive and often leaves groups at greater odds with each other than before.

In the model, workshop participants use a series of exercises to examine stereotypes they may have learned about others and stereotypes they may have about groups they belong to as well. Participants also learn that bridges can be built and alliances can be formed by empowering people to intervene in prejudicial situations, to ally for others who are being oppressed, and to feel pride and strength in who they are.

During the workshop, we

looked at NBCC's current situation—our strengths, as well as areas that need continuing attention. Board members were then asked to brainstorm key actions that would help NBCC move toward our goal of ensuring that we truly are integrating diversity in all aspects of the organization.

We are categorizing suggestions, which included both short- and long-term plans, and developing a time frame for implementation.

Suggestions from certificants are welcomed. Please send them to NBCC, 3 Terrace Way, Suite D, Greensboro, NC 27403-3660, Attention: Virginia V. Mann. □

## NCSC BULLETIN BOARD

### NCSC REPRESENTS STANDARDS DEFINED BY YOUR PROFESSION

By Jay H. Stevens, NCC, NCSC, Chair, School Counselor Academy

For professional school counselors, certification as a National Certified Counselor (NCC) just isn't enough. Certification as a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) should be a goal of all professional school counselors.

NBCC created the NCSC specialty certificate at the request of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) in 1991. The NCSC specialty is conferred upon NCCs through a voluntary application process. In 1994, NBCC established an advisory academy for each of the specialty certifications under its jurisdiction. The goal of the School Counselor Academy is to promote the NCC certificate and NCSC specialty certificate among professional school counselors.

The NCSC designation provides a recognized professional standard to identify professional school counselors—a standard defined by the profession, not a state bureaucracy. For those seeking employment in the profession, NCSC is an important professional certificate. For those already employed in the profession, NCSC makes an important professional statement of accountability and visibility. In many states, national certification can be an avenue into licensure. For example, New Mexico uses the NCSC credential to qualify for state certification to practice in public schools. NBCC plans to continue working with state departments of education to encourage greater recognition of the NCC and NCSC by the states.

A significant number of NCCs are school counselors; yet far fewer have chosen to seek certification as National Certified School Counselors. ASCA President Carolyn Sheldon noted recently that the ASCA Governing Board has restated "ASCA's support and encouragement, as appropriate, for ASCA members to become NCSCs."

The NBCC School Counselor Academy applauds this ASCA endorsement, and also encourages all professional school counselors to join the nearly 700 NCSCs who have made a positive statement of professional commitment through certification. For information and applications, call NBCC at 910-547-0607. □

## CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

### NEW APPROVED PROVIDERS

**Chapman University**, Orange, CA, #4459

**American Dance Therapy Association**, Columbia, MD, #5739

**Merit Behavioral Healthcare**, Maryland Heights, MO, #5740

**South Strand Counseling and Consulting**, Murrells Inlet, SC, #5741

**National Association of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapists**, Wierton, WV, #5742

**Charter Behavioral Health System at Cove Forge**, Williamsburg, PA, #5743

**C.G. Jung Center for Professional Development**, Asheville, NC, #5744

**Huntsville/Madison County Mental Health Center**, Huntsville, AL, #5745

**Allied Health Options**, Mobile, AL, #5746

**Blessing Affiliates, Inc.**, Quincey, IL, #5747

**Valencia Community College**, Orlando, FL, #5748

**Brief Therapy Institute of Pennsylvania**, King of Prussia, PA, #5749

**Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences**, Ventura, CA, #5750

**PsyBC**, Montclair, NJ, #5751

**Grace Fellowship International**, Sevierville, TN, #5752

**Sisters of Charity/St. Patrick Hospital**, Lake Charles, LA, #5753

**Charter Behavioral Health System of Mobile**, Mobile, AL, #5754

### NEW HOME STUDY PROGRAMS

#### "Counselor Supervision"

(on video tape) ..... 10 contact hours

To order, contact:

**North Dakota State University**  
Continuing Education Department  
PO Box 5819, Fargo, ND 58105  
or phone 800-726-1724

#### "Geriatric Assessment"

..... 18 contact hours

To order, contact:

**CMR Home Study**  
2899 Agoura Rd., Suite 160  
Westlake Village, CA 91361-3200  
or phone 818-865-0514

*For a complete list of NBCC-approved home study programs, please call our fax information line at 1-800-324-6222. Ask for document #4001.*

### PROVIDERS NOT RENEWING NBCC APPROVAL

- #4274 Boston University-Germany
- #5020 West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators
- #5061 ERIC Clearinghouse
- #5109 Guilford County Schools
- #5121 American College Testing SW
- #5148 Guilford Technical Community College
- #5330 Brookdale Community College
- #5393 Cooperative Education Association
- #5414 Bradford Health Services
- #5421 Arizona Group Psychotherapy
- #5457 Social Outreach and Renewal
- #5508 Crawford and Company
- #5673 NC Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies
- #6004 John Crocitto

*Providers wishing to reinstate their approved status should contact Pamela Leary, the recertification coordinator.*

### APPROVED PROVIDERS REINSTATED

**Chestnut Hill College**, Philadelphia, PA, #5171

## RECERTIFICATION NEWS

### HOME STUDY: A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE

Because of increasing demand, more continuing education providers are offering home study programs than ever before. NBCC has now approved 112 home study programs for continuing education credit. They cover a wide variety of topics and offer anywhere from four to 30 hours of credit. Because NCCs order the study material by mail, phone, or fax and complete it in the privacy of their home, it is a convenient way to complete continuing education hours. It can be economical as well, because NCCs are spared travel expenses.

NCCs may obtain the list of NBCC-approved home study programs by calling our fax information line at 1-800-324-6222. Have your fax number and certificate number ready to enter into the system when you call. Select document #4001. To receive credit for a home study course, **it must appear on this list** or be offered for regular academic credit at a regionally accredited university.

### NOTICE: NCCS WITH A JUNE 30, 1997 EXPIRATION DATE

If your expiration date was June 30, 1997, and you have not yet submitted your recertification form and fees, all is not lost. You have until December 31, 1997, to submit all the required materials. After that, you must pay a reinstatement fee and undergo mandatory audit. If you have questions or need an extension of time, please contact Recertification Coordinator Pamela Leary. □

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## NBCC SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCED

The Association for Assessment in Counseling (AAC), NBCC, and its affiliate, the Research and Assessment Corporation for Counseling (RACC), have established an eight-week, full-time summer fellowship program for research and professional development in counseling.

Providing a stipend of \$4,000 and travel expenses, the fellowship will take place at NBCC headquarters in Greensboro, NC, from early June through early August in 1998.

The award is open to any student who has completed at least one year of full-time graduate study toward a terminal degree in a counseling or counselor education program.

Inquiries, requests for application forms, and submissions should be sent to: The Summer Fellowship Program; NBCC; 3 Terrace Way, Suite D; Greensboro, NC 27403-3660.

Applicants must submit a curriculum vita, transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended, names of two recommending counselors who hold NCC certification or state licensure, and a two-page statement of personal and professional goals.

Applicants will be considered based on scholarship, research experience, motivation for professional development, and other factors. □

## NCC NETWORK

**Mark J. Britzman**, Ed.D., NCC, CCMHC, of Sioux Falls, SD, has written a book titled *LIFE: From Surviving to Thriving* for adults interested in pursuing psychological health. To order, contact International Consulting, Inc., 604 Lakeview Road, Sioux Falls, SD, or call 605-335-4065.

**Marilyn Burns**, NCC, of Canfield, OH, has opened the first holistic health center in northeastern Ohio. She says the "Treat Yourself Center for Holistic Health" combines traditional counseling services with alternative and complementary therapies to help people realize the connection between their mind, body, and spirit. Comprehensive counseling and psychological services include massotherapy, foot reflexology, clinical hypnosis, chiropractics, kinesiology, nutritional counseling, energy balancing, herbology, Tai Chi, Yoga, and other workshops.

**Elizabeth De Boer**, M.Ed., NCC, of Lewes, DE, has published two communication board games: *The Circle of Feelings Spinner Game*, \$18.95, and *The Caterpillar Game*, \$29.95. With more than 100 question cards for children ages 5 to 12, the games can be used in classroom, counseling, or therapeutic sessions. For a brochure and order form, write to ABC Counseling Resources, 7 Broadfield Drive, Lewes, DE 19958.

**Laurence Armand French**, Ph.D., NCC, CCMHC, of Mimbres, NM, has written *Counseling American Indians* (published by University Press of America, Lanham, MD 20706). The book looks at Indian substance abuse, including fetal alcoholism, and offers cultural-specific counseling models from the Cherokee, Sioux, and Navajo perspectives. It also provides a comprehensive model of clinical/cultural bibliotherapy for traumatized children and youth and has a section on the herbal healing and spiritual rituals of the mestizo curanderismo.

**Bernadine Gilpin**, NCC, of Portland, OR, has written a revised third edition of *The Adult Student's Guide to Survival and Success* (coauthor, Al Siebert, Ph.D.). This book covers everything adult learners need to know to overcome their fears and succeed in college. New to this edition are chapters on diversity and how to prepare for a constantly changing workplace. The book is accompanied by Gilpin's instructor's manual, "Teaching College Success to Adult Students." To order, contact publisher Practical Psychology Press, Portland, OR 97207; telephone 800-504-3295. ISBN 0-944227-12-0.

**Joe Wittmer**, NCC; **Diane Thompson**; and **Larry Loesch**, NCC, MAC, have written a sourcebook on classroom guidance for elementary school counselors. *Classroom Guidance Activities: A Source for Elementary School Counselors* contains more than 100 classroom activities, as well as dozens of reproducible masters. The book is divided into three universally accepted areas of student development: personal and social development, academic development, and career development. Most of the activities can be easily adjusted for use as small group counseling procedures. The 288-page book is published by Educational Media Corporation (612-781-0088). □

# MAKE A DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO FUND COUNSELING RESEARCH

In 1996, NBCC created a nonprofit corporation to conduct research in counseling and mental health. Council members for the new Research and Assessment Corporation for Counseling, Inc. (RACC) spent the first year developing target areas for research that include the counselor selection process, computer addiction and compulsions, and distance learning and counseling.

In the June billing cycle, we offered NCCs the opportunity to make tax deductible contributions to aid RACC in its research. A significant number of counselors responded with donations up to \$100.

If you would like to contribute to counseling research, complete the following donor form and return it with your check or credit card information to NBCC.

**RACC DONOR FORM**

**NCC CERTIFICATE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to make a tax deductible donation in the amount of:**

\$5.00                       \$50.00

\$10.00                      \$100.00

\$20.00                      \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

\$30.00

Please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ (insert amount) to my credit card.

VISA    MASTERCARD    AMERICAN EXPRESS

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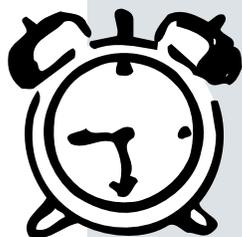
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## TIME FOR SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION



- Career
- Gerontological
- School
- Clinical Mental Health
- Addictions

## STATE LICENSURE UPDATES

*The following changes update the list of state licensure boards published in NewsNotes, Vol. 12, No. 3, Winter 1996. Information on state licensure also is available on the NBCC Web site at <http://www.nbcc.org>.*

### CALIFORNIA

California Registry of Professional Counselors and Paraprofessionals  
 Robert J. Swan, Executive Director  
 2555 East Chapman Avenue, Suite 201  
 Fullerton, CA 92831  
 714-284-8857

### CONNECTICUT

Connecticut has passed a professional counselor licensure law which will take effect October 1. Details were not available at press time. See the next issue of *NewsNotes* for more information.

### INDIANA

Health Professions Bureau  
 402 W. Washington Street  
 Room 041  
 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
 317-232-2960

### KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Board of Certification for Professional Counselors  
 Division of Professions and Occupations  
 PO Box 456  
 Frankfort, KY 40602  
 502-564-3296

### NEW YORK

#### CORRECTION—NYBCPC

The spring *NewsNotes* incorrectly noted that the New York Board for Certified Professional Counselors was the New York contact for licensure. While the board supports licensure in New York, there is no licensure for counselors at present in New York state. We apologize to the NYBCPC and wish it well in its efforts to gain recognition for counselors within state regulatory language. For further information on the NYBCPC and its registry, contact Elizabeth O'Leary at 518-562-1497.

### WASHINGTON

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 360-664-9098 or FAX 360-586-7774

# NATIONAL AGENCIES SEEK CERTIFIED COUNSELORS

NBCC continuously promotes the value of national certification, and our efforts are paying off through contact with national agencies seeking the professionalism represented by National Certified Counselors (NCCs) and the specialty credentials.

For example, a nationwide managed care firm named “Contact” recently requested a list of all NCCs for possible inclusion in its mental health services provider program. The Department of Defense (DOD) requested the complete list of National Certified Career Counselors (NCCCs) for distribution to military installations and government offices worldwide. The Internal Revenue Service also requested a list of NCCCs for use by “downsized” employees.

In addition to these national contacts, requests are increasing from state and regional managed care groups, from Employee Assis-

tance Professional Association members, and from public and private employers for similar lists of NCCs and NCCCs. Some requesters want names for potential referral; others seek NCCs to join managed care panels.

**WORD IS GETTING AROUND: ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE REQUESTED NCC LISTS RANGE FROM NATIONAL GROUPS, SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, TO STATE AND REGIONAL MANAGED CARE GROUPS.**

These increasing requests represent good news for NCCs across the country. The potential to be included in a managed care program means possible approval for third party payment—a significant milestone in NBCC’s continuous effort to improve recognition for counselor certification.

The DOD lists provide exposure to thousands of military personnel and civilian employees making career changes because of base closures, reassignment, or retirement. Many military installations conduct recurring programs to assist these groups in moving into new careers.

If you live near a military installation or government office, you might find it productive to contact the “Transition Office” or Human Resources Office and offer your assistance as an instructor or as an individual counselor.

NBCC is always ready to promote counselor credentialing through certification. We encourage you to suggest contacts to whom we can provide promotional material. We will deliver the message on your behalf that NCCs are highly qualified professionals. □

## NBCC FAX INFORMATION LINE MENU

To receive information from the NBCC Fax Information Line, call 1-800-324-NBCC (6222).

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## CCE NEWS

### CCE PLANS FIRST WEB COURSE

The Council for Credentialing and Education (CCE) has explored its first step into marketing continuing education on the World Wide Web. Talks with the Laurasian Institution in Illinois have led to a design of CCE's first Web course, which will center upon clinical counseling issues. The Laurasian Institution interested CCE, because its staff is skilled in Web interactive education design and understands educational skills and techniques.

### CCE: AFTER ONE YEAR

CCE has a continuing contract with the Project Management Institute (PMI) to score examinations administered outside the United States and Canada. Income from contracts for managing noncounseling certifications, reviewing licensure applications for state licensure boards, selling examination preparation guides, and many other planned projects will not only support CCE, but also NBCC functions.

NCC fees are not part of the CCE budget. In fact, during CCE's first year, its income paid for its operation. Next year it will begin supporting NBCC and efforts by the Research and Assessment Corporation for Counseling (RACC).

CCE was formed to eliminate many noncertification functions of the NBCC Board of Directors. Clearly, in the first year it removed dozens of items from the NBCC agenda and took on a life of its own.

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## ACES ENDORSES PLANS FOR COUNSELING SUPERVISION SPECIALTY CREDENTIAL

The Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) has endorsed an application from its Supervision Interest Network to create an NBCC specialty credential in Counseling Supervision.

Nearly 600 NCCs have registered their interest in the development of the credential. The Supervision Interest Network continues to maintain a list of those interested in the development of the specialty. NCCs interested in the supervisor specialty credential may send their name and address to Dr. L. DiAnne Borders, 228 Curry Building, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412-5001 or via email to: [borders@dewey.uncg.edu](mailto:borders@dewey.uncg.edu). □

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