

Professional Counseling Certification Development in Mexico and Argentina

Counseling professionals in Mexico and Argentina continued their hard work and dedication to the development of their professional counseling certifications in 2013.

The Asociación Mexicana de Orientación Psicológica y Psicoterapia (AMOPP; Mexican Counseling and Psychotherapy Association) has administered their national certification examination twice and is working with NBCC International (NBCC-I) on its continued development. So far, AMOPP has granted the Orientador Certificado por AMOPP (OPCA; AMOPP Certified Counselor) certification to six professionals, and it is currently considering 45 more applications. AMOPP hopes to be able to develop specialty certifications in the near future.

The NBCC Argentina office administered the pilot for its national certification examination in November 2013. As a result, 14 applicants received the Counselor Certificado Nacional (CCN; National Certified Counselor) certification for the first time in that country.

NBCC-I looks forward to continued collaboration in 2014 with professionals in these two countries, as well as others, in the development and strengthening of the counseling profession in Latin America.

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Mental Health Facilitator Update

The Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) program continues to grow in both its application and reach. MHF has recently been introduced within three domestic higher education institutions—the University of Montana’s Department of Counselor Education; the College of Southern Idaho’s Health Sciences & Human Services Department; and Northern Illinois University’s Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education. Additional discussions with potential international and domestic partners are ongoing.

The Guidance, Counselling and Youth Development Centre for Africa (GCYDCA) continues to be a strong MHF partner. GCYDCA has requested that NBCC International (NBCC-I) conduct a master training in Malawi so that these additional trainers can assist GCYDCA in its ongoing efforts to expand the program in Malawi and in other African countries.

With support from the NBCC Foundation, NBCC-I is pleased to announce a domestic grant opportunity for the MHF program. MHF master trainers in the United States who are NCCs in good standing will be able to apply for grant funding to assist in offsetting costs related to individual MHF trainings in community organizations and schools that serve high-needs communities.

The MHF curriculum is also undergoing a series of revisions to update presentation methods and help meet the needs of specific populations. Several curricula will be developed and piloted before their official release. Additionally, a research team led by Dr. Melissa Luke, of Syracuse University (SU), completed data collection for the MHF program in Mexico in August. Collaborative teams from SU and NBCC-I are in the process of finishing interview transcriptions, and NBCC-I anticipates receiving qualitative and quantitative analysis for its MHF outcome research in the coming months.