

Mission:

The mission of the journal is to promote scholarship and academic inquiry within the profession of counseling.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of *The Professional Counselor (TPC)* is to promote the practice of professional counseling worldwide. This is accomplished by publishing original peer-reviewed manuscripts, covering a wide range of empirical, theoretical and innovative counseling topics, as well as feedback received on previous issues of *TPC*.

Vision:

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The official academic journal of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. and Affiliates (NBCC) dedicated to publishing research, practical techniques, innovations in counseling, and commentary on professional practice and helping as a facilitation process.



Submitting Manuscripts

NBCC invites manuscripts regarding:

- Mental health counseling
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- Program applications
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- Literature reviews
- Case studies

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All submitted manuscripts must include implications for practice in keeping with *TPC's* mission to promote professional practice.

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2. Cover form preparation;
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6. Manuscript determination;
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8. Limited release of copyright to NBCC by all accepted authors;
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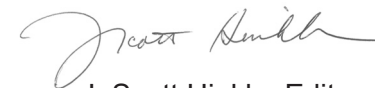
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