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Dr. Alicia (Brown) Becton is originally from Greensboro, North Carolina. She attended East Carolina University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance and received a Master of Science in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University along with a certification in Substance Abuse and Behavior Addictions. Additionally, Dr. Becton completed her doctoral degree in the Rehabilitation Counseling with a specialization in Addiction Counseling at The University of Texas- Pan American (now RGV).

Dr. Becton had the opportunity to work in state/federal agencies including Vocational Rehabilitation Services and private agencies where she found her niche, working with individuals of highly stigmatized groups. Cultural competency has always been an essential component of her background. As a mentor for adolescent females in the school system, Dr. Becton was driven to impact individuals on an even larger scale by educating, motivating and promoting self-sufficiency among minority students. Recent presentations at national conferences consist of "Trauma and Recovery among African Americans," "Factors Leading Latino Americans with Disabilities to Employment," and "Empirical Study: The Influence of Personality on Students' Engagement in Online Learning." Additionally, Dr. Becton has presented on special topics related to counselor implications for dual diagnosis, student veterans and transition issues, and the effects of disability on the family system. Her current research focuses on effective treatment modalities for special populations (e.g., women, individuals with co-occurring disorders, veterans), cultural competency in Higher Education and employment among individuals in addiction recovery.