## The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Joins the Surpass Community

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Exton, PA, USA, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – BTL Surpass Inc. is pleased to welcome the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. and Affiliates (NBCC) to the Surpass Community.

NBCC is the premier credentialing body for counselors, ensuring that those who become board certified have achieved the highest standard of practice through education, examination, supervision, experience, and ethical guidelines. By becoming members of the Surpass Community, NBCC joins other organizations in their use of Surpass for the creation of their prestigious examinations.

NBCC's flagship credential is the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification. The NCC demonstrates that the counselor meets high national standards for the practice of counseling and is committed to continued professional development and skills expansion. There are currently over 67,000 NCCs in more than 40 countries.

By transitioning to the Surpass platform, NBCC will benefit from advanced item authoring and banking technology to streamline the development of their examinations. This includes tools to efficiently manage subject matter experts (SMEs) during the item writing and review process, and LOFT (Linear-on-the-Fly Testing) functionality for the creation of balanced test forms against a test blueprint.

As well as leveraging Surpass for its item banking capabilities, Surpass will enable NBCC to export test content to its existing, widely used third-party test driver. The export functionality demonstrates the versatility and flexibility that the Surpass platform offers within the certification and licensure sector.

"We take great pride in our rigorous examination development processes and are thrilled to have Surpass's services as part of that," says Callie Marino, Vice President, Credentialing and Quality Assurance at NBCC. "We work with highly qualified SMEs from around the globe in our examination development and are thrilled to make the Surpass platform available to them."

Andy McAnulla, President of BTL Surpass added, "We're delighted that NBCC selected Surpass as the solution to meet the needs of their prestigious certification program, demonstrating how Surpass can meet the requirements of essential counseling qualifications. We pride ourselves on being able to offer best-in-class technology to support organizations like NBCC with exam development and to make the end-to-end processes as efficient as possible. We look forward to working with NBCC to leverage the full potential of Surpass technology."

## About the National Board for Certified Counselors

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highest standard of practice through education, examination, supervision, experience, and ethical guidelines.

Established as a not-for-profit, independent certification organization in 1982, NBCC's original and primary purposes have broadened, and its divisions and affiliates have taken on additional responsibilities to advance the counseling profession and enhance mental health worldwide.

Find out more at <u>www.nbcc.org</u>.

## About BTL Surpass Inc.

BTL Surpass Inc. is a global provider of assessment services and technology. The assessment platform, Surpass, is a turnkey solution powering the development and delivery of tests for certification and licensure organizations, K–12 institutions, HE, state government agencies, and national testing programs across the world. Securely delivering over 30 million tests in test centers or through secure online proctoring, the Surpass item bank and test driver is one of the most trusted and advanced technologies available in the market.

For more information about Surpass, visit <u>www.surpass.com</u>.

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