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Central Ohio Technical College

Tressa Arnold, Program Director; Dr. Larisa Harper, Dean of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Gregory

Ferenchak, Provost

Central Ohio Technical College

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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Ms. Arnold, Dr. Harper, and Dr. Ferenchak,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit Associate of Applied Science in Social Work Assistant program with no conditions**. The program's **reaccreditation** cycle will be from July 2026 to July 2031.

The Readers (*and Site Visitors*) noted many strengths of the program:

1. All courses are offered online to meet the needs of the students and many students would be unable to obtain their education if courses were in-person
2. The commitment of the faculty member and administrator to the program as demonstrated by the teaching overload and the development of master syllabi and online courses to make it easier for adjunct faculty and to provide consistency to students
3. Advisory committee is very committed to the program and typically has 15-18 participants at each meeting. It is a good blend of alumni and non-alumni
4. Students can obtain a variety of certificates/licenses through completing the requirements of the program which aids in obtaining jobs
5. Program has a strong commitment to the code of ethics and the quality preparation from the program itself which has enabled students to be better prepared than students from other programs and levels
6. The partnership with OSU-Newark has provided many opportunities for students to seamlessly enter the bachelor's degree program as well as shared resources on the campus
7. Practicum opportunities for students are very strong and supervisors are often COTC alumni

Recommendation from readers:

21f. Seminar classes meet over zoom 3 times a semester with work on Canvas in between.

Program has been advised that they need to meet every two weeks.



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The next accreditation cycle will be an **interim report and review**. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **July 2031** Board review. **A copy of this letter must be included with your next self-study.**

As an accredited program, the Program must regularly review information on the CSHSE website, <https://cshse.org>, for any new changes in policies and standards. Your program must use the standards that are in effect at the time when the application is submitted for the next cycle.

During this accreditation cycle, your accredited program has the responsibility to maintain active CSHSE membership each year of the accreditation cycle for the accreditation status to remain in good standing. Refer to the Member Handbook, Accreditation and Self-Study Guidelines for updated information. Additionally, the accredited program shall ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with CSHSE and is updated as needed.

Please refer to the Board actions for maintaining accreditation in Appendix I of the Member Handbook. Your Program must ensure that program and student achievement indicators on the CSHSE website remain accurate (within 2 years of the current academic year) and the hyperlinks remain active. The CSHSE will review this information at each board meeting during the year: February, June, and October. Contact the CSHSE VPA if a hyperlink must be revised so that our website is current with your program information.

Congratulations on continuing accreditation with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education continuing as an accredited program and supporting quality and excellence human services education.

A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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