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Fitchburg State University

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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Dr. Williams,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to accept the interim report and review to **reaccredit Fitchburg State University Human Services baccalaureate 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:

- i. The curriculum is very strong in the area of intercultural fluency.
- ii. Well-qualified faculty with good experience in various areas of human services.
- iii. Solid requirements for getting into internship; nice list of approved internship sites; good list of appropriate/inappropriate internship activities.
- iv. Students must complete at least 427.5 hours of fieldwork and many choose to complete up to 450 hours.
- v. Most site supervisors have a Master's degree.
- vi. Resource support: Lots of resources for individuals with disabilities.

Recommendation from readers:

- Coursework is compliant but consider making HMSV 3500 (Group Work) a required course.

The next accreditation cycle will be a **reaccreditation with a site visit**. 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



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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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