



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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RE: CSHSE Accreditation Decision

Dear Professor Cunningham:

After careful consideration, the Board of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) unanimously voted to accredit the Human Services Associate of Applied Science program at Central Carolina Technical College with no conditions. The program's five-year accreditation cycle will be from February 2025 to February 2030. A copy of this decision letter must be submitted with the next self-study.

I want to be the first to congratulate you on your re-accreditation and on your new appointment as the Program Manager. The Board recognized the strength of your program is its focus on non-traditional students yet remains cohesive and challenging. Professor Cunningham, your program also has a curriculum that prepares students for employment in the human service field. It goes without saying that the wealth of knowledge in your program came from your diverse faculty. This faculty brought not only knowledge but their lived experiences into the classroom, which enriched the students' education.

One of the highest pedagogical priorities of CSHSE is curriculum based on best practices that are supported with evidence-based standards and peer review accreditation process. I'm very aware of the challenges of going through the accreditation process, but I assure you that all your time and effort has made your program more comprehensive and relevant to the needs of your students.

Your next accreditation cycle will be a reaccreditation with a site visit. I strongly suggest that you begin the reaccreditation process before the end of the five-year accreditation cycle. This will allow you ample time to make updates to your self-study, schedule an in-person site visit, and ensure that the CSHSE Board has time to review and vote on your reaccreditation in a timely manner. Please note, the CSHSE board only meets in February, June, and October.



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During the new accreditation cycle, all accredited programs are responsible for the following:

- Submitting a copy of this decision letter with the next self-study.
- At the time of the next self-study, programs must use the CSHSE Standards that are in effect at the time of their new application.
- Accredited programs must regularly review information on the CSHSE website (<https://cshse.org>) For changes in policies and CSHSE Standards.
- Accredited programs must maintain a CSHSE membership each year of the accreditation cycle for the accreditation status to remain in good standing. Refer to the CSHSE Member Handbook., *Accreditation and Self-study Guidelines* for updated information.
- Accredited programs must ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with CSHSE and it's updated as needed.
- Accredited programs must remain compliant with CSHSE Standards to avoid having their accreditation status suspended. Refer to the *Board's actions for maintaining Accreditation* in Appendix A: *CSHSE policy for Board Accreditation/Reaccreditation Decisions* of the CSHSE Member Handbook.
- Programs must make available to the VP of Accreditation current student achievement indicators (SAI) for the CSHSE website. Current SAIs should be within two (2) years of the current academic year. All institutional hyperlinks must remain active. Contact the CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation if a hyperlink must be revised, this ensures that the CSHSE website remains current with your program information.

Once again, congratulations on achieving your program accreditation after a rigorous peer review. This accreditation is a beacon to current and prospective students that your program has adopted high standards for excellence in Human Services education. A formal certificate, signed by Doctor Yvonne Chase, the CSHS E President, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judith Herzberg, CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation

CC: Dr. Yvonne, CSHSE President and Lead Reader

Joshua Castleberry, Dean of Professional Studies of CCTC

Wendy Cunningham, HS Program Manager of CCTC