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Dear Ms. Snyder,

It is my privilege to inform you that Human Services associate program at Allegany College of Maryland has been reaccredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) for the period of June 2019 through June 2024. This period includes the approved extension from June 2019 to October 2019. The next accreditation cycle will require a site visit.

PROGRAM STRENGTHS

The readers of your self-study have identified the following strengths of your program including:

- A committed faculty
- Strong philosophical focus on mindfulness, integrated health, and self-care
- Clear selection process to obtain students who are a “good fit” for the profession
- Program offers a variety of field experiences throughout the curriculum
- Excellent teaching/learning environment
- Commitment from the institution.
- Intentional succession planning clearly outlined
- Longevity of the program with continued accreditation

The program reaccreditation is approved with no conditions.

The readers reported that the self-study was very user friendly and easy to navigate in finding desired information. The questions were answered clearly and concisely. Navigation between embedded links in the narrative and the supporting documents worked well and enhanced the reading process. It was very evident in the self-study that the associate degree program has a primary focus on the mind-body integrative health theoretical approach.

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

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accreditation status to remain in good standing. (Membership Handbook, Accreditation and Self-Study Guidelines, July 2019, p. 7-8). Additionally, the accredited program shall ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with CSHSE and ASCENT Management, LLC and is updated as needed.

Please refer to the Board actions for maintaining accreditation in Appendix I of the July 2019 Member Handbook, pp. 97-98. 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, February, June, and October. Contact the CSHSE VPA or ASCENT Management, LLC if a hyperlink must be revised so that our website is current with your program information.

As stated above, your next reaccreditation will be June 2024. Please review information on our website, <https://cshse.org>, for any new policies and standards. A copy of this letter needs to accompany your next self-study.

Congratulations on continuing as one of our excellent accredited programs! A formal certificate, signed by our President Elaine Green, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Winona Schappell

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