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Dr. Seth Wollrage, Accreditation coordinator
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Dear Dr. Wollrage,

It is my privilege to inform you that the Human Services Associate in Applied Science degree program at Gateway Technical College has received initial accreditation by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) for the period October 2020 through October 2025.

The CSHSE board approved accreditation with no conditions.

PROGRAM STRENGTHS

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

- The program has quality faculty with practice experience.
- The program has four certificates in specialty areas.
- The developed curriculum is thoughtful and purposeful.
- The program attracts individuals with bachelor's degrees who enroll for the certificate programs, which are well regarded in the community and the state.
- The university requires professional training for faculty and adjuncts.
- Students have assigned advisors.
- The college and the program pride themselves on being industry-focused and including programs that address the workforce needs in the state.
- The program has developed a procedure for credit for prior learning. While some courses are still under review for this process, the procedure is in place for the Field I course.
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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations are for consideration and relate to ways that the program might enhance compliance with a Standard or relate to important program issues that are not included in the Standards.

- Consider making the student achievement indicators on the website more user friendly for the general public.
- Stabilize the advisory board membership by describing the role and function of the board for the program to advisory board members.

During 2020, CSHSE revised accreditation site visit policies as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic: All programs which require a site visit between April 2020

through June 2021 will complete a virtual site visit. This policy changes the accreditation conditions outlined on page 9 of the 2020 Membership Handbook. All programs completing virtual site visits during this time period will have a restructured ten-year accreditation cycle. A regular reaccreditation cycle will begin at the next accreditation cycle instead of the Interim Report and Review.

This program completed a virtual site visit as part of the initial accreditation process. At the next accreditation cycle in October 2025, the program will conduct a reaccreditation with a site visit. Five years later, the program will conduct an Interim Report and Review process in which there is no site visit. Five years later, the program will conduct a reaccreditation with a site visit. The 10-year cycle will repeat in that order.

The next accreditation will include a site visit and must be completed for the October 2025 Board review. **A copy of this letter must be included in 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 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 ASCENT Management, LLC 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, 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.

Congratulations on becoming an accredited program with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education. A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Very sincerely,



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