



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

*Assuring best practices in Human Service Education through  
evidence-based standards and a peer-review accreditation process*

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Professor Mary Jenkins, Coordinator  
of Human & Social Services Program  
Essex County Community College  
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Re: CSHSE Accreditation Decision

Dear Professor Jenkins:

After careful consideration, the Board of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) has come to a final decision about your accreditation. The CSHSE Board voted to accredit the Human and Social Services program at Essex County Community 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 wanted to be the first to congratulate you on your accreditation. The Board recognized many strengths of the program. Professor Jenkins it was also apparent that you were cognizant of the need to be responsive to changes in the field, which were reflected in the interaction with your students, the curriculum, and in the way the program was administered. One of the highest pedagogical priorities of CSHSE is curriculum based on best practices that are supported with evidence-based standards and a peer-review accreditation process. I am very aware of the challenges of getting accreditation, but I assure you that all your time and effort makes your program more comprehensive and relevant to the needs of a new generation of Human Services professionals.

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 the site-visit, and ensure the CSHSE Board has time to review and vote in a timely manner, because the CSHSE Board only meets in February, June, and October.

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 is updated as needed.
- Accredited programs must remain compliant with CSHSE Standards to avoid having their accreditation status suspended. Refer to the Board actions for maintaining accreditation or reaccreditation 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 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 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 Dr. Yvonne Chase, the CSHSE President, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Judith Herzberg*, Vice President of Accreditation

CC: **Dr. Yvonne Chase**, CSHSE President

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