



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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Dear Ms. Coletrain,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Services Associate Degree program at Midlands Technical College with no conditions***. The program's **interim report and review cycle** will be from October 2023 to October 2028.

The Readers noted many strengths of the program:

- Diverse demographics, education, and work experiences among faculty
- A human services libguide was created as recommended in the initial accreditation report.
- Strong selection of core courses to address the associate level national standards.
- A wide variety of field placement options for students are clearly organized in their Directory of Agencies.
- The Advisory Council includes current students and alumni. Council members are provided with an Advisory Council Manual.
- Students are provided with multiple opportunities to gain field experience (20 hours during practicum and 300 during field placement).

Recommendations not related to standard compliance

For the next self-study, include additional information on the faculty evaluation process, not just on professional development opportunities. Are faculty reappointed/evaluated annually? By whom? Are faculty on a tenure-track line? If so, what is the process for tenure/promotion?

For Standard 5.d also think about including in the narrative how the program specifically addresses students whose attributes, characteristics, and /or behavior do not meet expectations for the field of human services.

For Standard 18.a, provide concrete examples on how the least intrusive intervention in the least restrictive environment is included in the curriculum and course learning outcomes.



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The next accreditation cycle will be a **reaccreditation cycle with a site visit**. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **October 2028** 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 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/ becoming accredited 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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