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JM Simmons, Program Director
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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Ms. Simmons,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Services and Bachelor of Science at Old Dominion University with no conditions.*** The program's **interim** cycle will be from June 2023 to June 2028.

The Readers noted many strengths of the program:

- The program has nationally recognized faculty who have received teaching awards, been actively involved in NOHS at multiple levels, and have written textbooks as well as dozens of articles in human services journals.
- The faculty have obtained many research grants related to human services and student development. The faculty have very diverse backgrounds in terms of career background as well as race and ethnicity. Their backgrounds enable them to provide “real world” experiences the students.
- The department has established strong relationships with the community.
- The Human Services Association and Tau Upsilon Alpha are very active on campus including during COVID and have successfully engaged online students.
- There is a generous amount of money provided at both the institutional level as well as the department level for professional development. There are many opportunities on campus as well.
- The Advisory Board is composed of a diverse range of individuals and provides useful feedback for the department.
- Comprehensive curriculum and strong assessment of learning outcomes



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The next accreditation cycle will be an **reaccreditation cycle with a site visit**. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **June 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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