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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Dr. McAleer,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the Mental Health and Human Services baccalaureate program at the University of Maine Augusta with no conditions**. The program's interim report and review cycle will be from October 2025 to October 2030).

The Readers (*and Site Visitors*) noted many strengths of the program:

- Faculty commitment to students, embracing non-traditional students including PEP program and meeting students where they are. Faculty know the community and the system and have practitioner experience
- Very strong instructional support team including technology
- Good administrative support
- Courses offered in multiple formats and times to meet student needs
- Centers available throughout state
- Professional development well supported
- Commitment to neurodiversity
- Library set up to meet needs of diverse learners
- Diversity in curriculum and field experiences
- Internships represent a useful variety within the community.

Recommendation from readers:

- Standard 21 f. Seminar is only meeting once a month including when they were originally accredited and they have been advised that they need to meet a minimum of every 2 weeks.



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The next accreditation cycle will be an **reaccreditation cycle with a site visit**. We thank you for making up the site visit that was missed during the COVID 19 initial cycle with the initial accreditation. You are now back on a regular cycle. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **October 2030** 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 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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