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Re: CSHSE Board Decision Approved Initial Accreditation

Dear Ms Severn,

As CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation, I am pleased to inform you that the Human Services B.A. program at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs has been approved for initial accreditation by the CSHSE Board at the October 2022 board meeting. The Human Services B.A. degree program is accredited with no conditions from October 2022-October 2027.

The Readers noted many strengths of the Program:

- All full-time faculty and adjunct faculty are licensed mental health professionals.
- Program consists of emphasis areas which track to community needs: substance use and recovery, military and veteran support, rehabilitative services, social and emotional wellness, student affairs in higher education.
- The program uses college-based fieldwork site, Community Connections, which provides a mentorship program for middle school at-risk students.
- The program has a very active advisory board.
- The program has a heavy emphasis on skill-based training.
- The program provides scaffolded levels of fieldwork experiences.
- The program evaluates credit for work experience as part of fieldwork requirements.

Additional Reader Recommendations not required by or related to the Standards

- Consider creating two distinct fieldwork courses so that the seminar content is clearly defined for both levels.



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During 2020, CSHSE revised accreditation site visit policies as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic: All programs which required a site visit between April 2020 through June 2021 completed a virtual site visit. Although the Board voted to return to on-site visits beginning June 2022, flight delays and other airline travel issues impacted volunteer site visitors' employment schedules. CSHSE approved an accommodation to address the airline and airport delays and with consent of the Program, CSHSE conducted a virtual site visit in September 2022. The virtual site visit changed the accreditation conditions outlined on page 11 of the 2022 Membership Handbook. All programs completing virtual site visits 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 2027, 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 cycle will include a site visit and must be completed for the October 2027 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 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 becoming an accredited program with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education and supporting quality and excellence in human service education.

A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Winona Schappell, M.Ed., HS-BCP
CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation



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