



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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evidence-based standards and a peer-review accreditation process

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Stacey Raymond, Chair of Applied Science  
550 East Spring Street  
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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Ms. Raymond,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Social Work and Human Services Associate Degree program Columbus State Community College with no conditions***. The program's **interim and review** cycle will be from October 2024 to October 2029.

The Readers noted many strengths of the program:

From Self-Study

- 1) The readers of the 2019 self-study identified the following strengths of the program including: Extended history of program accreditation
- 2) Four certificates offered
- 3) Hybrid courses offered with a Lead Instructor
- 4) Academic Quality Review of blended and web courses
- 5) Highly qualified faculty with diverse backgrounds, long term commitment to program, and open to program changes from Advisory committee
- 6) Curriculum stresses skill development, self-awareness, and problem-solving skills
- 7) 315 hours of fieldwork experience
- 8) Solid assessment plan
- 9) Library guides prepared for specific human service courses
- 10) Advisory committee is a strong advocate for students.
- 11) Excellent policies, procedures, and activities to comply with Cultural Competence Standard
- 12) Campus Cupboard aids students with food insecurity issues.
- 13) Academic scaffolding of students was provided in multiple ways such as, information sessions, technology support, academic advising, and embedding information into the online learning platform.
- 14) Redundancy of curricular features such as critical thinking, problem solving, and diversity competency were integrated throughout the curriculum.
- 15) The course selection focused on educating human services professionals to be prepared to serve in a variety of social service job roles.
- 16) It was apparent that the program is cognizant of the need to be responsive to changes in the field, which was reflected in the curriculum, creative course assignments, which were relevant, and meaningful.

Recommendations: None at this time.



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The next accreditation cycle will be a **reaccreditation with site visit**. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **October 2029** 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 accreditation with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education becoming accredited and supporting quality and excellence in human services education.

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

Sincerely,

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