



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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Michelle Hawco, Program Chair  
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Dear Ms. Hawco,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Services Associate Degree program at the Southeast Community 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:

- Excellent field placement program which exceeds accreditation requirement. Students complete 405 hours. Expectations are clear and degree of supervision is excellent
- AAS degree program with two certificate programs in either Alcohol and Drugs or Peer Support
- Program includes both multicultural counseling and multicultural competency
- Using the DACUM process to understand needs in the human services field
- Getting Started Checklist is useful
- Emphasis on five minimum competencies throughout program
- Using the lab to simulate home visits is beneficial for students
- Students required to create a self-care plan and also self-care goals in Practicum

Recommendations not related to standard compliance

Standard 4a2. No assessment plan provided or narrative of plan. But it was noted in compliance as Assessment tools are provided in 4a3. This could be strengthened with a clear assessment plan.

Program self-study would be enhanced by providing more specific examples of assignments that clearly support the standards and support the narrative better.



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The next accreditation cycle will be a **reaccreditation cycle with a self-study**. 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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