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Dr. Najmah Thomas
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Dear Dr. Thomas,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Services Baccalaureate Degree program at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort 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:

- 1 - Commitment to the asset approach.
- 2 - Fieldwork: 3 internships (at least 120 hrs each).
- 3 - CSHSE is forefront in the program, and it is also permeated with NOHS.
- 4 - Articulation with all state schools that have associate's HS programs.
- 5 - It was founded with input from and continues to have strong ties to diverse local human service organizations.
- 6 - It is based upon changes in the helping professions that are responding to significant socio-economic changes brought about by our shift from an industrial society to a post-industrial service society.
- 7 - It utilizes a liberal arts and interdisciplinary curriculum designed to develop a broad knowledge and skill set required for reflective and critical care in today's world.

Recommendations not related to standard compliance:

- 1e - Provides only enrollment and graduation rates. Would like to see demographic such as gender and other identity markers.
- 13b1 - Recommend having students (and graduates) on the advisory committee consistently.
- 7c - Recommend that they add information about staff evaluations, not just faculty.



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- 10a - Recommend adding info about transfer credits from institutions outside of the technical schools in SC.
- 22f – Recommend that they make it clearer that their required seminars meet no less than every two weeks.
- 22j – Recommend they make it clearer that at least one site visit occurs during all internship/field work experiences



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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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