



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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Mr. Brian MacKenna-Rice, Coordinator  
Human Services Program  
Northern Essex Community College  
100 Elliot St.  
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Dear Mr. MacKenna-Rice,

It is my privilege to inform you that the Human Services associate degree program at Northern Essex Community college has been reaccredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) for the period June 2018 through June 2023.

## **PROGRAM STRENGTHS**

The readers of your self-study have identified the following strengths of your program:

- NECC has one of the longest known Human Services programs and has been accredited since 1985.
- The program also offers three distinct certificate programs in Substance Abuse, Direct Service, and Community Support
- The program uses NOHS, CSHSE, and NAADAC ethical standards.
- Cultural Competence and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards (CLAS) are infused throughout the curriculum
- MA Department of Public Health/Office of Health equity model is nationally recognized and integrated into the curriculum.
- The program promotes strong basic reading and writing skills
- The library offers an instructional classroom to teach research skills
- The program has an active advisory committee.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT ACCREDITATION**

**The accreditation has been approved with no conditions.**

The readers reported that the NECC Self-study was well structured and meticulously cited throughout. Navigation of the self-study was easy for the readers. Hyperlinks connected to each Standard worked well with few exceptions.

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. The Associate degree Standards have been revised effective July 1, 2018 and they are different than the one used for this accreditation cycle. The Program must use the Standards that are in effect 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. (Membership Handbook, Accreditation and Self-Study Guidelines, July 2018, p. 8). Additionally, the accredited program shall ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with ASCENT Management, LLC and CSHSE and is updated as needed.

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Your Program must also ensure that program and student achievement indicator links on the CSHSE website remain accurate and active. Contact the CSHSE VPA or ASCENT Management, LLC if a hyperlink must be revised. Student Achievement Indicator data that is made public must be remain current.

A copy of this letter must accompany your self-study in the next accreditation cycle which will be an Interim Report and Review with no site visit.

Congratulations on continuing as one of our long standing accredited programs. A formal certificate, signed by our President Elaine Green, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

*Winona Schappell*

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