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## **Council for Standards in Human Service Education**

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February 28, 2021

Mr. Michael Rush Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus Building 10-Offfice Area 132 P.O. Box 3777 Omaha, NE 68103-0777

Dear Mr. Rush.

The CSHSE Board reviewed the submitted information requested based upon the conditional accreditation decision and approved the removal of the conditional accreditation status. The Human Services associate degree program at Metropolitan Community College-Omaha is accredited with no conditions from October 2020-October 2025. A site visit will be required for the October 2025 reaccreditation cycle.

The Readers did note many strengths of the program:

- The program revised the program to meet institutional credit expectation and CSHSE standard compliance.
- There appears to be an active and robust Advisory Committee.
- The program has a structured process for evaluation and yearly needs assessment.
- The institution supports the program with paid professional development for both full time and adjunct faculty.
- Faculty are skilled and credentialed.
- Multicultural focus is evident at the institution and within the program.
- Practicum is thorough and provides support services for the student.
- The program has a structured process for evaluation and yearly needs assessment.
- The institution supports the program with paid professional development for both full time and adjunct faculty.
- Faculty are skilled and credentialed.
- Multicultural focus is evident at the institution and within the program.
- Practicum is thorough and provides support services for the student.
- The program curriculum is responsive to institutional and community needs.

As stated above, your next accreditation cycle will include a site visit and must be completed for the October 2025 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 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 ASCENT Management, LLC 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 updated (within 2 years of the current academic year) and the hyperlinks remain active. The CSHSE will review this information at each board meeting, February, June, and October. Contact the CSHSE VPA or ASCENT Management, LLC if a hyperlink must be revised so that our website is current with your program information. Congratulations on continuing your program accreditation and supporting quality human service education. A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Winona Schappell, M.Ed.

Winona Schappell

CSHSE Vice President of Accreditation

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