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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Dr. Mason,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Service Delivery and Administration baccalaureate program at the University of North Georgia* with no conditions**. The program's **accreditation** cycle will be from June 2023 to June 2028.)

The Readers (*and Site Visitors*) noted many strengths of the program:

- The program notes 42 hours of core coursework and 450 hours of fieldwork. They offer flexible programming, with optional concentrations in Program Planning & Evaluation (PPE) and Substance Addiction Studies (SAS). TUA membership since 2013, and a Patricia Choquette Outstanding Student Award for top students. Study abroad program, home study opportunities
- Several curriculum changes to streamline and strengthen the program; extensive COVID19 adjustment documentation.
- Currently hybrid, not fully on-line program, but coming in Fall 2023, so they addressed it. Appendix L has online course rotation and rollout schedule for fully online.
- Major responsibilities of the advisory board are very clear.
- Field supervisors reported that they did not always understand their role and expectations, and the program instituted an orientation session for them each semester. Expectations were added to the affiliation agreement with UNG starting in 2020, the field manual, and the student learning agreement. A new field coordinator was added to the staff and advising was added at the suggestions of students and alumni, as well as having curriculum cover leadership, data management/program planning & evaluation.
- Community is to be both understood and enhanced as stated in the 3140 syllabus.
- Students develop a program evaluation for a human service organization.
- Good UNG support for faculty and staff with DETI helping online and the Library.
- Internships represent a useful variety within the community.
- Program is well known and supported on campus as well as in the community.

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The next accreditation cycle will be an **Interim Report and Review cycle with no site visit.** The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **June 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 accreditated 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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