



# Council for Standards in Human Service Education

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Re: CSHSE Board accreditation decision

Dear Ms. Washington

The CSHSE Board reviewed the submissions of the requested materials that were required after the October Board meeting's tabled decision. The submitted documentation verified compliance and the Board voted to **reaccredit the Human Services associate degree program at Arkansas Technical University- Ozark with no conditions**. The program's accreditation cycle will be from October 2022 to October 2027.

The Readers did note many strengths of the program:

- Detailed program information on the website and Student Handbook
- Use of biopsychosocial and ecological approaches in the curriculum
- Inclusion of forensic training in the program
- Intentional cultural diversity learning through dedicated course and training
- Volunteer opportunities incorporated as course assignments.
- Organized fieldwork placement program
- Students are exposed to various theoretical orientations.
- Well written self-study narrative

The next accreditation cycle will be a reaccreditation with a site visit. The self-study submission and site visit must be completed within the timeline for the October 2027 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 is updated as needed.



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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 as an accredited program with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education 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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