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Dear Ms. Burrill,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the *Human Services Associate Degree program at Brookdale Community College 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:

- Hired a BCC Diversity and Inclusion Director who has partnered with human service to focus on social justice, advocacy and personal reflection to uproot personal biases.
- DEI Fellowship offers scholarships to 6 Human Service Students.
- Students of color are paired with mentors of color.
- Diverse Faculty
- All students take the Intro to Addictions Studies, recognizing the 10% of Americans with addiction issues.
- Program has addressed all previous recommendations, adding a policy on fitness for profession, a course on lifespan development Psyc 208, and an updated handbook
- Offer one course via distance learning for human service core per academic year at minimum.
- Three part field placement experience that starts early and provides 20 hours in Psyc 111, 40 in Psyc 215, and 225 hours in Psyc 285 Practicum
- Program has been redesigned to align with CSHSE and CADC standards.

Recommendations not related to standard compliance

It is possible that the college has language and policies about the faculty having control over the programming and curriculum. It would be good to find that language—most likely in the faculty handbook or in a regional accreditation document. To avoid confusion, the human service courses could be strengthened by a HUMS or PSY/HS prefix where it can be designated in both areas



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The next accreditation cycle will be a **reaccreditation cycle with a site visit**. 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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