COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COUNCIL FOR STANDARDS IN HUMAN SERVICE EDUCATION (CSHSE)

In accordance with the 2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition, Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic
Number of Programs: 53

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) accredits human services educational programs in the United States at associate, bachelor, and master degree levels. (2011)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA, January 2014
Recognition for up to 10 years with a report, January 2014
Recognition deferred; term of recognition extended one year (December 31, 2025)

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 29, 2024
Decision: None. The CHEA Board of Directors was informed of the Committee on Recognition’s action to defer decision-making specific to recognition for one year. CSHSE is to submit a response addressing CHEA Standards 1.A. (accreditation standards, policies and procedures that advance academic quality using quantitative and qualitative measures), 1.C. (require resources specific to ensuring adequate student preparation and health and safety), 2.B. (accredited programs provide current, readily accessible, accurate data to the public regarding student learning outcomes and/or achievement data), 2.D. (the accrediting organization takes timely action to prevent substantially underperforming programs from maintaining accreditation) and 3.I. (the accrediting organization’s demonstration of sufficient financial, staff and operational resources to perform and sustain its accreditation functions efficiently and effectively).

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 27, 2014: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded recognition for the maximum term of 10 years with a report. The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).
CSHSE demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

**Additional Determination:** CSHSE is required to provide a report that provides an update on the implementation of accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12 (B)(1), 2010 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

Profile, scope and recognition information as of February 1, 2024