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**RE:** *Reaffirm Accredited Status with a Progress Report*  
Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania (PA)  
Baccalaureate Social Work Program  
*2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)*

Dear President Osgood, PhD:

At its October 2025 meeting, the Board of Accreditation (BOA) reviewed the Reaffirmation materials for the baccalaureate social work program. The BOA decided to *Reaffirm Accreditation for 8 Years*, ending in June 2032, with a progress report to be reviewed by the BOA. The program will receive a certificate confirming this decision in the mail.

**Area(s) of Concern**

In taking this action, the BOA identified the following area(s) of concern.

***Accreditation Standard B4.3.5(c):*** *The baccalaureate field education director has sufficient assigned time for administrative oversight of the field education program, inclusive of all program options. It is customary for the field education director to have, at minimum, 25% assigned time to administer the field education program.*

The program indicated its plan to assure the field education program has sufficient assigned time for administrative oversight of the field education program, inclusive of all program options beginning Fall, 2025. However, the plan needs to be confirmed since the date of this report precludes Fall, 2025.

The program is asked to verify that the baccalaureate field education director has sufficient assigned time for administrative oversight of the field education program, inclusive of all program options.

***Accreditation Standard 4.3.6:*** *The program has sufficient personnel and technological support to administer the field education program.*

The program indicated its plan to assure the field education program has sufficient personnel and technological support to administer the field education program and all program options.

However, the plan was scheduled to go into effect after Fall '25 semester began. The implementation of the plan as written needs to be verified and the program is asked to determine that given this new plan, it has sufficient personnel and technological support to administer the field education program.

### **Decision Types**

BOA Reaffirmation decision types are described in policy [6.9 BOA Reaffirmation Decisions](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook.

### **CSWE-BOA Accreditation Logo & Accredited Status Statements**

Policy [1.7 CSWE-BOA Accreditation Logo](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook provides the parameters for logo use.

Policy [1.6 Accreditation Status Statements for Websites & Materials](#) includes language for accredited programs to post on their websites or use in marketing, recruitment, or other print and electronic material.

### **Report Due Date**

The program is asked to submit one (1) electronic copy of the report, no later than December 1, 2025 for review during the February 2026 BOA meeting.

### **Formatting & Submission Requirements**

Programs must use the required [Progress Report Template](#). The report must align with the formatting and submission requirements detailed in policy [4.7 Document Formatting & Submission Requirements](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook. Submit the report to program's assigned accreditation specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, Mayasah Thomas, MSW at [mthomas@cswe.org](mailto:mthomas@cswe.org).

### **Program Changes**

The accreditation status obtained at reaffirmation only covers the components that were reviewed in the self-study at the time of the BOA review. Changes may occur within the program prior to its next scheduled accreditation review; however, some program changes impact compliance with EPAS and require reporting to the BOA or DOSWA per policy [4.9 Program Changes](#) the Accreditation Policy Handbook.

Accreditation is an elective, program-driven, and self-managed peer-review process. Programs are solely responsible for implementing, demonstrating, and maintaining compliance with the EPAS during and between review cycles.

### **Continuous Compliance Requirement to Publicly Report Program Assessment Outcomes**

CSWE accreditation staff review assessment outcomes annually between and during regularly scheduled accreditation reviews. This process is a continuing accreditation requirement, independent of any regularly scheduled review that may be underway. Program assessment outcomes are published publicly in the [Directory of Accredited Programs](#). Programs are required to use the current form available on the [CSWE website](#) to report outcomes to their stakeholders and the public. Specific instructions are sent to programs by CSWE accreditation staff regarding this annual collection process. Data on must be collected within 2 years at all times. The 2 years is calculated from the date the data was collected, not the date the program posted the form. Failure to maintain updated assessment outcomes may result in a special compliance review per policy [4.10 Special Compliance Reviews](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook.

### **Maintaining Accurate CSWE Records**

Programs are required to maintain accurate CSWE database records and [Directory of Accredited Programs](#) listing. Policy [4.9 Program Changes](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook provides procedures for notifying CSWE of relevant changes within 30 days after the implementation of change.

### **CSWE Accreditation Contact**

If there are any questions about this letter or the policies, procedures, and actions of the Board of Accreditation, please contact Mayasah Thomas, MSW, Accreditation Specialist in CSWE's Department of Social Work Accreditation at [mthomas@cswe.org](mailto:mthomas@cswe.org).

Sincerely,

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