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RE: *Reaffirm with a Progress Report*
Oglala Lakota College (SD)
Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW)
2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

Dear President Shortbull:

At its June 2022 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Reaffirmation* application for the baccalaureate social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for eight years, ending in June 2030, with a *Progress Report* to be reviewed by the COA.

In taking this action, the Commission identified the following area of concern:

Accreditation Standard 4.0.2: *The program provides its most recent year of summary data and outcomes for the assessment of each of the identified competencies, specifying the percentage of students achieving program benchmarks for each program option.*

The program provided one year of summary data and outcomes for the assessment of each of the identified competencies. The program also provided an updated assessment plan and procedures according to the 2015 EPAS, including the timeline. However, the summary data reflects the assessment plan based upon the 2008 EPAS. The program indicated that the Measure One, Field Learning Plan Assessment and data analysis will be completed in Spring semester 2022. The program indicated that the Measure Two data will be collected and analyzed in Fall 2022. The program is revising its assessment plan based on measurement of identified competencies and will implement the revised assessment plan beginning in the 2022-2023 Academic Year to provide percentages of students achieving the program benchmarks for the baccalaureate program.

The program is asked to provide an updated year of summary data based on the 2015 EPAS.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.3: *The program uses Form AS 4(B) and/or Form AS 4(M) to report its most recent assessment outcomes for each program option to constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) its findings.*

The program provided AS 4(B) based on data from the 2008 EPAS rather than 2015.

The program is asked to submit an updated Form AS 4(B) which reflects data based upon the 2015 EPAS. The program is also asked to provide an active hyperlink to where the form is published to constituents and the public on its website.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.4: *The program describes the process used to evaluate outcomes and their implications for program renewal across program options. It discusses specific changes it has made in the program based on these assessment outcomes with clear links to the data.*

The program provided a revised assessment plan and procedures which began implementation in November 2021. However, the programs data will not be available until Fall 2022.

The program is asked to discuss specific changes it has made in the program based on these assessment outcomes with clear links to the data based upon the 2015 EPAS.

COA reaffirmation decision types are described in section 2.6 COA Reaffirmation Determination and Decisions in the [EPAS Handbook](#).

The program is asked to submit one (1) electronic copy of the report, no later than April 1, 2023 for review during its June 2023 meeting. The report must align with the formatting and submission requirements detailed in section 1.2.11. Document Submission Policy in the [EPAS Handbook](#).

The accreditation status obtained at *Reaffirmation* only covers the components that were reviewed in the self-study at the time of the COA review. Changes may take place within the program prior to its next scheduled accreditation review; however, some program changes impact compliance with EPAS and require reporting to the COA or DOSWA per section 1.2.4 *Program Changes* in the [EPAS 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 in-between review cycles.

Please be in touch with Michael E. Leff, Accreditation Specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,



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