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November 16, 2018

Kenneth Hawkinson, PhD  
President  
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Dear President Hawkinson:

At its October 2018 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Reaffirmation* application for the master's social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for 8 years, ending in October 2026, with a *Progress Report* to be reviewed by the COA.

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

**Accreditation Standard M2.2.9:** *The program describes how its field education program specifies the credentials and practice experience of its field instructors necessary to design field learning opportunities for students to demonstrate program social work competencies. Field instructors for master's students hold a master's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program and have 2 years' post-social work degree practice experience in social work. For cases in which a field instructor does not hold a CSWE-accredited social work degree or does not have the required experience, the program assumes responsibility for reinforcing a social work perspective and describes how this is accomplished.*

The program discussed how field instructors for master's students hold a master's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program and have 2 years' post-social work degree practice experience in social work. However, the program did not describe how its field education program specifies the credentials and practice experience of its field instructors necessary to design field learning opportunities for students to demonstrate program social work competencies. Additionally, the program did not describe how for cases in which a field instructor does not hold a CSWE-accredited social work degree or does not have the required experience, the program assumes responsibility for reinforcing a social work perspective and describes how this is accomplished.

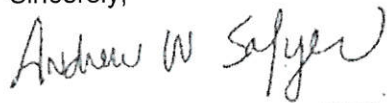
The program is asked to describe how its field education program specifies the credentials and practice experience of its field instructors necessary to design field learning opportunities for students to demonstrate program social work competencies. Additionally, the program is asked to describe how for cases in which a field instructor does not hold a CSWE-accredited social work degree or does not have the required experience, the program assumes responsibility for reinforcing a social work perspective and describes how this is accomplished.

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Submit one (1) e-copy, and two (2) hard copies of the *Progress Report* no later than August 1, 2019 for review during the October 2019 Commission on Accreditation meeting.

Please be in touch with Amanda Morgan-Henry, 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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Chair, Commission on Accreditation

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