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RE: *Grant Initial Accreditation*
Middle Georgia State University (GA)
Baccalaureate Social Work Program
2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

Dear President Blake:

At its June 2023 meeting, the Board of Accreditation (BOA) reviewed the social work program's Benchmark 3 and Initial Accreditation materials for the baccalaureate social work program. The BOA decided to *Grant Initial Accreditation*, ending in June 2031.

Congratulations on this achievement.

Decision Types

BOA Initial Accreditation decision types are described in the [Accreditation Policy Handbook](#).

Retroactive Accreditation Date

The [Accreditation Policy Handbook](#) explains retroactive accreditation status. Since this program was granted candidacy status in the academic year of 2020-2021, students admitted to the baccalaureate social work program in the fall of 2020 and after are considered graduates from an accredited social work program upon the BOA granting initial accreditation.

Program Changes

The accreditation status obtained at Initial Accreditation 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 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.

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If there are any questions about this letter or the policies, procedures, and actions of the Board of Accreditation, please contact Connie Adams, MSW, LCSW, Accreditation Specialist in CSWE's Department of Social Work Accreditation at cadams@cswe.org.

Sincerely,

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