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Lindenwood University Social Work Program Accreditation Reaffirmed

St. Charles, Mo. —Lindenwood University's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program has received a continuation of its accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The honor means the university's program has met the nationally-recognized standards set forth by the organization regarding the preparation of competent social work practitioners.

Lindenwood's BSW program was launched in 1998 and became a candidate for initial CSWE accreditation in 2005. It was awarded the honor in 2009, following two site visits by teams from the council in 2005 and 2008 and the submission of an extensive self-study report examining the program.

Reaffirmation was awarded to the university in early 2013, following the completion of another self-study report and a site visit from a council representative. The recognition means Lindenwood's social work students will continue to enjoy several advantages of the CSWE seal of approval.

"The Bachelor of Social Work is the preferred degree for jobs in the field, so graduates are already a step ahead of other candidates when they leave here," said Debra Johnson, chair of the Lindenwood Social Work Department. "Being accredited by the CSWE also means our students enjoy advanced standing in Master of Social Work programs and are able to enter two-year master's programs anywhere from a semester to a full year ahead. Our graduates are also eligible for state licensure because of it."

CSWE has been in operation since 1952; currently 700 undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the United States have completed the stringent evaluation process and hold accreditation from the council. Lindenwood's next comprehensive review will be in 2021.

For more information about Lindenwood University's social work programs, contact Johnson at djohnson@lindenwood.edu or (636) 949-4193.

Lindenwood University, founded in 1827, is an independent liberal arts university offering more than 130 graduate and undergraduate programs in diverse areas of study in traditional and accelerated formats.

Lindenwood operates residential campuses in historic St. Charles, Mo., and Belleville, Ill., as well as numerous extension sites throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

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