

ACOTE® January 2019 Accreditation Actions

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in January 2019 and took the following accreditation actions:

Final ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation period subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	TERM EXTENSION	NEXT ON-SITE
Jefferson College of Health Sciences (OTM), Roanoke, VA	7 to 10 years	*

Accreditation terms for programs that were cited with no more than two areas of noncompliance may be extended if the areas are corrected within 1 year of ACOTE's action on the Report of On-Site Evaluation. For initial programs, terms may be extended from 5 to 7 years; for reaccredited programs, terms may be extended from 5 to 7 or from 7 to 10 years. This decision will be based on ACOTE's review of the Plan of Correction or Progress Report submitted by the program and a determination that the program has fully resolved the cited areas of noncompliance.

**NOTE: Per the ACOTE decision to move to a single point of entry for occupational therapy education at the doctorate level by July 1, 2027, accreditation of entry-level master's programs may be granted for a period to extend no later than June 30, 2027. As of September 2018, an abeyance of the mandate requiring all entry-level occupational therapy programs to transition to the doctoral level is in effect. If the mandate is rescinded at the spring 2019 meeting of the Representative Assembly, the term of accreditation will be adjusted and a revised accreditation certificate issued.*

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on Inactive Status:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brightwood Career Institute (OTA), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation-Inactive
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, MO	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Remington College-Orlando (OTA), Lake Mary, FL	Accreditation-Inactive

*Inactive Status: Inactive status is a special status applied only to programs that are **not currently enrolling new students** and do not plan to enroll new students in the future. The status "inactive" does not replace any other current accreditation status. The designation follows the regular accreditation status (e.g., Accreditation—Inactive or Probationary Accreditation—Inactive). Students graduating from a program with Accreditation—Inactive or Probationary Accreditation—Inactive status are considered graduates of an accredited program.*

Final ACOTE decision to change the program's status to Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary due to closure of the institution:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brightwood College-Dallas (OTA), Dallas, TX	Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary (effective 01/28/2019)
Virginia College-Richmond (OTA), Richmond, VA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary (effective 01/28/2019)

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Approval of an additional cohort
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX	Approval of an additional cohort

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Messiah College (OTM), Mechanicsburg, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted

Preaccreditation Status Granted: The proposed program would appear to meet the Standards if fully implemented in accordance with the plans of the sponsoring institution. An initial on-site evaluation will be conducted before an accreditation decision is made.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Radford University-Roanoke Satellite Campus (OTM), Roanoke, VA (Developing additional location of Radford University, Radford, VA.)	Candidacy Status Granted

Candidacy Status Granted: The proposed program may now admit its first class of students according to the approved timeline and proceed to step 2 of the initial accreditation process (the preaccreditation review), which will be followed by step 3 (the initial on-site evaluation). Candidacy Status indicates that the program meets the requirements for Candidacy Status and the plans and resource allocations for the proposed program, if fully implemented, appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the 2011 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

As of February 5, 2019, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 512*.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's*	OTA Baccalaur.	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	29	98	0	216	343
Accredited Master's Programs Transitioning to the Doctoral Level*		74			
Candidate Programs	34	11	0	14	59
Applicant Programs	81	8	4	17	110
TOTAL	144	117	4	247	512

**NOTE: The total program count does not include the 74 programs that are retaining accreditation for the master's programs while the transition to the doctoral level is finalized.*

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Web page (www.acoteonline.org) or from accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2042 or accred@aota.org.