ACOTE®
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

ACOTE® August 2025 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 2025 and took the following accreditation actions. A glossary is provided at the end of this document for reference.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**	**TERM**	**NEXT ON-SITE**
Brookline College-Tucson Campus, OTA, AZ	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
California State University, Dominguez Hills, OTD, CA	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Cox College, OTD, MO	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Hanover College, OTD, IN	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Hawaii Pacific University-Honolulu, OTD, HI	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Point Loma Nazarene University, OTM, CA	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
San Jose State University, OTD, CA	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of Cincinnati, OTD, OH	Grant Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**	**TERM**	**NEXT ON-SITE**
Allegany College of Maryland, OTA, MD	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2029/2030
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, OTD, AR	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
Austin Community College, OTA, TX	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2029/2030
Delaware State University, OTM, DE	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
East Carolina University, OTM, NC	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Holmes Community College, Ridgeland Campus, OTA, MS	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
Indiana Wesleyan University, OTD, IN	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
McHenry County College, OTA, IL	Accreditation	10	2034/2035

MCPHS University-Manchester Campus (main campus) and Worcester Campus (add'l location), OTM, NH	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
New York University, OTM, NY	Accreditation	3	2027/2028
Owens Community College, OTA, OH	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
Pitt Community College, OTA, NC	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Seton Hall University, OTM, NJ	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Southwest Virginia Community College, OTA, VA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2029/2030
Springfield College, OTM, MA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
St. Ambrose University, OTD, IA	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, OTA, MO	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
Touro University Nevada-OTD, NV	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
University of New England, OTM, ME	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
University of Southern Indiana, OTA, IN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2031/2032
Washington University, OTD, MO	Accreditation	10	2034/2035

Final ACOTE decision to change status to or continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction, Progress Report, or Other Report:

Links to Disclosure Statements:

Probationary Accreditation

Probationary Accreditation-Inactive

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Changed from Probationary Accreditation to Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Changed from Probationary Accreditation to Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive

Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY	Remains Probationary Accreditation
Mercy University (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, NY	Changed from Probationary Accreditation to Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Remains Probationary Accreditation
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Remains Probationary Accreditation
Ross College in Hopkinsville (OTA), Hopkinsville, KY	Remains Probationary Accreditation

Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY	Accreditation
University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (OTD), Leavenworth, KS	Accreditation
Indiana University South Bend (OTM), South Bend, IN	Accreditation

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Lakeland Community College (OTA) - OH	Accreditation-Inactive
Pima Medical Institute-Renton (OTA) - WA	Accreditation-Inactive
Touro University Nevada (OTD) - NV	Accreditation-Inactive
University of Southern Indiana (OTM) - IN	Accreditation-Inactive
Villa Maria College (OTA) - NY	Accreditation-Inactive
Wayne State University (OTM) - MI	Defer Action and Request Additional Information
Wright College (OTA) - IL	Accreditation-Inactive

Final ACOTE decision to grant an accreditation term subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Cape Fear Community College (OTA), Wilmington, NC	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Midwestern University-Glendale Campus (OTM), Glendale, AZ	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Polk State College (OTA), Winter Haven, FL	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Santa Ana College (OTA), Santa Ana, CA	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Stark State College (OTA), North Canton, OH	Accreditation	10	2034/2035

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation or the initial accreditation process:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Wagner College (OTD) - NY	Voluntary Withdrawal-Candidacy
Bryant & Stratton College- Greece Campus (OTA) - NY	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Bryant & Stratton College- Solon Campus (OTA) - OH	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Herzing University-Minneapolis (OTA) - MN	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA) - NJ	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Southeastern College-Charleston (OTA) - SC	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of South Alabama (OTM) - AL	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Final ACOTE decision to involuntarily withdrawal accreditation:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**
Concorde Career Institute- Miramar (OTA) - FL	Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**
American Career College-Orange County Campus (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to add a new cohort
Baker College Center for Graduate Studies (OTM), Royal Oak, MI	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to transition the program to competency-based education and increase online didactic delivery
Central Penn College (OTA), Summerdale, PA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to transition cohort to a hybrid format and defer update on MSHE Accreditation status
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to implement hybrid delivery model and curriculum changes
Edgewood University (OTD), Madison, WI	Deny the significant change request to adjust the program length
Elizabethtown College (OTD), Elizabethtown, PA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to increase cohort size and include a second point of entry to the program
Florida State College at Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, FL	Approve curriculum changes
Huntington University (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Approve curriculum changes
Indiana Wesleyan University (OTA), Greenwood, IN	Approve program sequence changes during closure
Ithaca College (OTM), Ithaca, NY	Approve updated OTM curriculum
Ithaca College (OTD), Ithaca, NY	Approve updated OTD curriculum
Lenoir-Rhyne University (OTM), Hickory, NC	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to move Columbia, SC (additional location) cohort to Hickory, NC location (main campus)
Lincoln Land Community College (OTA), Springfield, IL	Approve curriculum and program length change
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, VA	Aprove transition of F2F courses to hybrid format

Point Loma Nazarene University (OTM), San Diego, CA	Approve curriculum changes
Tennessee State University (OTM), Nashville, TN	Approve curriculum changes
The University of Minnesota (OTD), Minneapolis, MN	Approve curriculum changes and compliance with 2023 Standard A.2.5. and defer compliance with 2023 Standards A.2.2. and A.6.2.
University of Puget Sound (OTM), Tacoma, WA	Approve update to faculty workload calculation
University of Puget Sound (OTD), Tacoma, WA	Approve update to faculty workload calculation
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**
Binghamton University, State University of New York-Johnson City Campus, OTD, NY	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Hawaii Pacific University-Las Vegas, OTD, NV	Grant Preaccreditation Status
North Central College, OTD, IL	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Old Dominion University, OTD, VA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, OTD, UT	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Union Adventist University, OTM, NE	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Charleston-Charleston, OTM, WV	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Mary, OTM, ND	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Utah, OTD, UT	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	**DECISION**
Andrews University, OTD, MI	Defer Candidacy Status
College of the Canyons, OTA, CA	Grant Candidacy Status
Husson University, OTD, ME	Defer Candidacy Status
Keiser University-Miami, OTM, FL	Grant Candidacy Status
Oklahoma Baptist University, OTD, OK	Grant Candidacy Status
Quincy University, OTD, IL	Grant Candidacy Status
Seton Hill University, OTD, PA	Grant Provisional Candidacy Status
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, OTD, TX	Grant Candidacy Status
University of North Alabama, OTA-B, AL	Grant Candidacy Status
University of Western States, OTD, OR	Grant Candidacy Status
Utah Valley University, OTA-B, UT	Grant Candidacy Status

Wilson College, OTD, PA	Grant Candidacy Status

Glossary (see ACOTE Policy IV.C. Classification of Accreditation Categories **for the complete definitions):**

Accreditation granted following an initial on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is in full compliance with all the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for a Doctoral-Degree-Level or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.
At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:

- *5-year review cycles are the standard number of years for initial accreditation; and*
- *7-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.*

Accreditation Deferred following an initial on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is not in substantial compliance with the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for a Doctoral-Degree-Level or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. The program may maintain Preaccreditation Status until all areas of noncompliance are resolved and not to exceed 5 years.

Accreditation granted following a reaccreditation on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is in full compliance with all the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for a Doctoral-Degree-Level or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Continuing Accreditation with Conditions granted following a reaccreditation on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is not in compliance with one or more of the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for a Doctoral-Degree-Level or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. The program's current accreditation status will be extended until all areas of noncompliance are resolved.

Once the program has come into full compliance, a new accreditation term will be awarded. The amount of time the program maintained continuing accreditation with warning or probationary status will be deducted from the new accreditation term.
At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation or Accreditation with Conditions, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:

- *5-year review cycles are given to programs that raise significant concerns as determined by ACOTE;*
- *7-year review cycles are the standard number of years for reaccreditation; and*
- *10-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.*

Probationary Accreditation or Continuing Accreditation-Probationary: Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category. During a period of Probationary Accreditation, programs are recognized and listed as being accredited. Probationary Accreditation is usually limited to 1 year. However, extensions may be granted by ACOTE for good cause. Programs receiving ACOTE's notification of a change of status to Probationary Accreditation must notify currently enrolled students and those seeking admission that the program has been placed on probation. Probationary status may be removed when the program has demonstrated it is in substantial compliance with the Standards:

- *Because the areas of noncompliance are resolved, or*
- *Because the program has documented significant progress toward compliance with the cited areas of noncompliance within the allowed time period.*

Failure to come into substantial compliance with the Standards within the allowed time period will result in a change of status to Accreditation Withdrawn.

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.

Grant an Accreditation Term: Based on ACOTE's determination that the program has come into full compliance, a new accreditation term is awarded. For reaccredited programs, the amount of time the program maintained continuing accreditation with warning status has been deducted from the new accreditation term.
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 7 to 10 years. This decision is 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.

Accreditation Withdrawn – Voluntary: A classification assigned when a sponsoring institution requests to discontinue or withdraw a program's accreditation.

Accreditation Withdrawn – Involuntary: A classification assigned when a program fails to achieve or maintain substantial compliance with ACOTE Standards or administrative requirements. This action may occur immediately in cases of critical noncompliance or threats to student welfare, or after probation if deficiencies remain unresolved within required timeframes. Programs with this status must implement a teach-out plan or agreement to ensure equitable treatment of enrolled students and help them complete their education.

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.

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 2018 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

Candidacy Status Deferred: Information received from the program is incomplete and/or insufficient for evaluation. Supplementary information is requested for consideration at a subsequent ACOTE meeting.

As of August 3, 2025, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	141	159	7	207	514*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	49	17	11	5	82
Applicant	32	15	2	8	57
Total	222	191	20	220	653

*Of the total Accredited programs, 7 OTM and 15 OTA programs have Accreditation-Inactive status.

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