



ACOTE® April 2026 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2026 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
Appalachian State University (OTM), Boone, NC	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Binghamton University, State University of New York-Johnson City Campus (OTD), Binghamton, NY	Defer action on Accreditation status	-	-
Harding University (OTM), Searcy, AR	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (OTM), Provo, UT	Grant Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA-B), Piscataway, NJ	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Union Adventist University (OTM), Lincoln, NE	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTA-B), Monroe, LA	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
University of Mary (OTM), Bismarck, ND	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
University of North Carolina at Pembroke (OTM), Pembroke, NC	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA), Asheville, NC	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2030/2031
Boston University, College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College) (OTD), Boston, MA	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Delgado Community College (OTA), New Orleans, LA	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
EHOVE Career Center/Lorain County Community College (OTA), Milan, OH	Accreditation	10	2035/2036

Keuka College (OTM), Keuka Park, NY	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Linn-Benton Community College-Healthcare Occupations Center (OTA), Lebanon, OR	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Moravian University (OTM), Bethlehem, PA	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Nashville State Community College (OTA), Nashville, TN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
New England Institute of Technology (OTA), East Greenwich, RI	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Pearl River Community College (OTA), Hattiesburg, MS	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
River Valley Community College (OTA), Claremont, NH	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (OTA), Salisbury, NC	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
San Jose State University (OTM), San Jose, CA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Shawnee State University (OTA), Portsmouth, OH	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Trident Technical College (OTA), Charleston, SC	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTD)	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Walters State Community College-Niswonger Campus (OTA), Greeneville, TN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Washburn University (OTA), Topeka, KS	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2030/2031
Final ACOTE decision for Delay of On-Site Requests:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Rockhurst University (OTM), Kansas City, MO	Grant request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2027/2028		
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:			

<u>Probationary Accreditation</u>	
<u>Probationary Accreditation-Inactive</u>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Remains Probationary Accreditation
Ross College in Hopkinsville (OTA), Hopkinsville, KY	Remains Probationary Accreditation
South College-Nashville Campus (OTA), Nashville, TN	Changed to Probationary Accreditation
Southwest Virginia Community College (OTA), Cedar Bluff, VA	Changed to 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
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Accreditation
Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation
Weatherford College (OTA), Weatherford, TX	Accreditation
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Alabama State University (OTM), Montgomery, AL	Accreditation-Inactive
Carlow University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation-Inactive
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Accreditation-Inactive
Lenoir-Rhyne University-Columbia, SC Campus (OTM), Columbia, SC	Accreditation-Inactive
Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Accreditation-Inactive
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	Deny the request for inactive status
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
Allegheny College of Maryland (OTA), Cumberland, MD	Accreditation	5	2029/2030
Concorde Career College-Memphis (OTA), Memphis, TN	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Husson University (OTM), Bangor, ME	Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Pennsylvania State University-Berks Campus (OTA), Reading, PA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
St. Charles Community College (OTA), Cottleville, MO	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
St. Philip's College (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTM), Coral Gables, FL	Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Final ACOTE decision to change status to Accreditation subsequent to review of a monitoring report:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Accreditation		
Webber International University (OTA-B), Babson Park, FL	Accreditation		
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		
Bradley University (OTD), Peoria, IL	Candidacy Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Mercy University (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, NY	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Harcum College-Lehigh County (Additional Location Only) (OTA), Lehigh Valley/Allentown, PA	Candidacy Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Howard University (OTM), Washington, D.C.	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Joyce University of Nursing and Health Sciences (OTA), Draper, UT	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
University of Charleston-Charleston (Additional Location Only) (OTA), Charleston, WV	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Allegheny College of Maryland (OTA), Cumberland, MD	Approve Significant Change Request (Delivery Model Change)		

American Career College-Orange County Campus (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Approve Significant Change Request (Increase Cohort Size >25%)
Carlow University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA	Approve Significant Change Request (Increase Cohort Size >25%)
College of Western Idaho (OTA), Boise, ID	Approve Significant Change Request (Change of location off campus or to a new campus - 5500 E Opportunity Drive, Nampa, ID, 83687)
Colorado Mesa University (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)
Concordia University Ann Arbor (OTD), Ann Arbor, MI	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)
Concordia University Wisconsin (OTD), Mequon, WI	Defer approval on significant change request and request additional information (Addition of program track)
Concordia University Wisconsin (OTM), Mequon, WI	Defer approval on significant change request and request additional information (Addition of program track)
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25% with hybrid delivery model)
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Approve Significant Change Request (Hybrid Delivery Model)
Keck Graduate Institute (OTD), Claremont, CA	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)
Midwestern University-Downers Grove Campus (OTD), Downers Grove, IL	Defer approval on significant change request and request additional information (Curriculum Change >25%)
Polk State College (OTA), Winter Haven, FL	Defer approval on significant change request and request additional information (Change of location off campus or to a new campus)
South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL	Approve Significant Change Request (Addition of OTA Program Lab Location)
Southwest Virginia C.C. (OTA), Richlands, VA	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)
Tennessee State University (OTM), Nashville, TN	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)

University of Minnesota (OTD), Minneapolis, MN	Approve Significant Change Request (Curriculum Change >25%)
University of Missouri (OTD), Columbia, MO	Approve Significant Change Request (Addition of Hybrid Cohort)
University of Oklahoma Health Campus (OTD), Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK	Deny the significant change request as it does not meet the criteria for a significant change
University of South Dakota (OTD), Vermillion, SD	Approve Significant Change Request (Hybrid Delivery Model)
University of Southern Indiana (OTA), Evansville, IN	Approve Significant Change Request (Change of location off campus or to a new campus - 515 Walnut Street, Evansville, IN, 47708)
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
Alabama State University (OTD), Montgomery, AL	Defer Preaccreditation Status
Francis Marion University (OTD), Florence, SC	Grant Preaccreditation Status
George Fox University (OTD), Newberg, OR	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTM), Jacksonville, FL	Defer Preaccreditation Status
King's College (OTD), Wilkes-Barre, PA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
New York University (OTD), New York, NY	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Stony Brook University (OTD), Stony Brook, NY	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of New Haven (OTD), West Haven, CT	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Southern Maine (OTA-B), Portland, ME	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Washington State College of Ohio (OTA), Marietta, OH	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Western Oregon University (OTD), Monmouth, OR	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

D'Youville University (OTD), Buffalo, NY	Defer Candidacy Status
Mercer University (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Defer Candidacy Status
Roosevelt University (OTM), Schaumburg, IL	Grant Candidacy Status
St. Edward's University (OTD), Austin, TX	Grant Candidacy Status
University of North Alabama (OTM), Florence, AL	Defer Candidacy Status
Weber State University (OTA-B), Ogden, UT	Grant Candidacy Status

Glossary:

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.

*Accreditation with Conditions granted following a reaccreditation on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is 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. A program in **substantial compliance** with the Standards may have areas of concern with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable with appropriate evidence provided within 60 days of ACOTE action or a monitoring report due within one year. Once the areas of concern are corrected, the accreditation status will be changed to Accreditation.*

Continuing Accreditation with Warning 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.

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 2023 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 April 26, 2026, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 651.

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	154	162	9	199	524*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	41	14	10	6	71
Applicant	32	14	0	10	56
Total	227	190	19	215	651

*Of the total Accredited programs, 2 OTD, 6 OTM and 10 OTA programs have Accreditation-Inactive status.

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.