



ACOTE® August 2026 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 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
George Fox University (OTD), Newberg, OR	Defer Accreditation	-	2025/2026
Southern California University of Health Sciences-Arizona (OTD), Tempe, AZ	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Washington State College of Ohio (OTA), Marietta, OH	Grant Accreditation	7	2032/2033
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Belmont University (OTD), Nashville, TN	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Central Community College, Grand Island Campus (OTA), Grand Island, NE	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Drake University (OTD), Des Moines, IA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Duquesne University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	10	2035/2026
Greenville Technical College, Benson Campus (OTA), Taylors, SC	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Kennebec Valley Community College (OTA), Fairfield, ME	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Lake Washington Institute of Technology (OTA), Kirkland, WA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Lenoir-Rhyne University (OTM), Hickory, NC	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Marion Technical College (OTA), Marion, OH	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2030/2031
Medical Education and Training Campus/Uniformed Services University (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Messiah University (OTM), Mechanicsburg, PA	Accreditation	10	2035/2036

Sacramento City College (OTA), Sacramento, CA	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2030/2031
South College-Knoxville (OTA), Knoxville, TN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
The University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center (OTD), San Antonio, TX	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
University of Southern Maine (OTM), Lewiston, ME	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2030/2031
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse (OTM), LaCrosse, WI	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
West Coast University-Los Angeles (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
York College, The City University of New York (OTM), New York, NY	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions	-	2032/2033
Final ACOTE decision for Delay of On-Site Requests:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
American Career College-Orange County Campus (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Deny request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2027/2028		
Utica University (OTD), Utica, NY	Deny request to advance the on-site evaluation to 2028/2029		
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		
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Remains Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY	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	Remains Probationary Accreditation		
Southwest Virginia Community College (OTA), Cedar Bluff, VA	Remains Probationary Accreditation		
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:			

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Bristol Community College-New Bedford Campus (OTA), New Bedford, MA	Accreditation-Inactive		
University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Schusterman Center (additional location of University of Oklahoma Health Campus) (OTD), Tulsa, OK	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
Jefferson Community and Technical College (OTA), Louisville, KY	Accreditation	5	2029/2030
Lone Star College-Kingwood (OTA), Kingwood, TX	Accreditation	5	2028/2029
Nashville State Community College (OTA), Nashville, TN	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Navarro College (OTA), Midlothian and Corsicana, TX	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Thomas Jefferson University-Center City Campus (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	Accreditation	10	2035/2036
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program for Accreditation-Reactivation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Touro University Nevada (OTD), Henderson, NV	Defer request for Reactivation		
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		
Alabama State University (OTM), Montgomery, AL	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTA-B), Concord, NC	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Grand Canyon University (OTM), Phoenix, AZ	Candidacy Status Expired		
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Probationary Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Baker College of Muskegon (OTA), Muskegon, MI	Defer significant change to designate second accredited program as an additional location.		

Concordia University Wisconsin (OTD), Mequon, WI	Deny the significant change request for an additional program track.
Concordia University Wisconsin (OTM), Mequon, WI	Deny the significant change request for an additional program track.
Huntington University (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Approve the significant change request for course sequence changes.
Indiana University Kokomo (OTA-B), Kokomo, IN	Defer the significant change request to establish multiple points of program entry.
Midwestern University-Downers Grove Campus (OTD), Downers Grove, IL	Approve the significant change request for curriculum changes.
Midwestern University-Glendale Campus (OTM), Glendale, AZ	Defer the significant change request to reduce program length.
Polk State College (OTA), Winter Haven, FL	Approve the significant change request to move to a new campus.
Spokane Falls Community College (OTA), Spokane, WA	Defer the significant change request to transition to a hybrid delivery model.
St. Philip's College (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Defer the significant change request to add a hybrid cohort.
Stanbridge University (OTA), Irvine, CA	Accept the significant change request to move to a new campus.
Stanbridge University (OTM), Irvine, CA	Accept the significant change request to move to a new campus.
University of New England (OTM), Portland, ME	Defer the significant change request to implement a spiraled curriculum model.
University of Southern Maine (OTA-B), Portland, ME	Defer the significant change request to move to a new campus.
University of Southern Maine (OTD), Lewiston, ME	Defer the significant change request to move to a new campus.
University of Southern Maine (OTM), Lewiston, ME	Defer the significant change request to move to a new campus.

University of Texas at El Paso (OTD), El Paso, TX	Approve the significant change request to increase cohort size.
West Virginia University (OTD), Morgantown, WV	Approve the significant change request for course sequence and content changes.
West Virginia University (OTM), Morgantown, WV	Approve the significant change request for course sequence and content changes.
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	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Allen College (OTD), Waterloo, IA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Biola University (OTM), La Mirada, CA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Bowling Green State University (OTD), Bowling Green, OH	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Edgewood University (OTD), Madison, WI	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Gurnick Academy (OTA), San Jose, CA	Defer Preaccreditation Status
Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTM), Jacksonville, FL	Deny Preaccreditation Status
South College-Atlanta Campus (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Southern Connecticut State University (OTM), New Haven, CT	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Tarleton State University (OTD), Stephenville, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Trine University-Fort Wayne (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Mount Union (OTM), Alliance, OH	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Memphis (OTD), Memphis, TN	Defer Preaccreditation Status
Utah Tech University (OTD), St. George, 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
El Paso Community College (OTA), El Paso, TX	Grant Candidacy Status

Gurnick Academy (OTM), San Mateo, CA	Defer Candidacy Status
Helena College (OTA), Helena, MO	Grant Candidacy Status
Marian University (OTA), Indianapolis, IN	Grant Candidacy Status
Marian University (OTM), Indianapolis, IN	Defer Candidacy Status
Marian University (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Grant Candidacy Status
Mercer University (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Grant Candidacy Status
South College-Nashville Campus (OTD), Nashville, TN	Grant Candidacy Status
Southeast Community College (OTA), Lincoln, NE	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 August 9, 2026, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 652.

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	155	161	9	198	523*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	44	15	9	9	77
Applicant	28	16	0	8	52
Total	227	192	18	215	652

*Of the total Accredited programs, 3 OTD, 7 OTM and 7 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.