



ACOTE® October 2020 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in October 2020 and took the following accreditation actions:

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Lehigh Carbon Community College (OTA), Schnecksville, PA	Accreditation-Inactive
North Central State College (OTA), Mansfield, OH	Accreditation-Inactive
<p><i>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.</i></p>	

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
University of Central Arkansas (OTM), Conway, AR <i>(Transition to OTD level completed)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (OTA), Perkinston, MS	Candidacy Status Granted
<p><i>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.</i></p>	

As of November 5, 2020, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 635.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master’s	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	38	172	1	220	431
Candidate or Preaccreditation	64	11	0	10	85
Applicant	75	19	11	14	119
TOTAL	177	202	12	244	635
<i>Transitioning</i>		44		2	46

NOTE: OT and OTA programs transitioning to a higher degree level are included in the total count.

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.