

**ACOTE® April 2021 Accreditation Actions**

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2021 and took the following accreditation actions:

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| **Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** | **TERM** | **NEXT ON-SITE** |
| **GateWay Community College/East Valley Institute of Technology** (OTA), Phoenix, AZ | Accreditation | 5 | 2025/2026 |
| **Indiana University** (OTD), Indianapolis, IN | Accreditation | 7 | 2027/2028 |
| **Moravian College** (OTM), Bethlehem, PA | Accreditation | 5 | 2025/2026 |
| **Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site** (OTM), Knoxville, TN | Accreditation | 5 | 2025/2026 |
| **Union College** (OTA), Lincoln, NE | Accreditation | 7 | 2027/2028 |
| **University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus** (OTD), Irving, TX | Accreditation | 7 | 2027/2028 |
| *Accreditation Granted following an initial 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 be in noncompliance with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable. At the time of ACOTE action, 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.*
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| **Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** | **TERM** | **NEXT ON-SITE** |
| **Abilene Christian University** (OTM), Abilene, TX | Accreditation | 7 | 2027/2028 |
| **Daytona State College** (OTA), Daytona Beach, FL | Accreditation | 10 | 2030/2031 |
| **Delaware Technical Community College, George Campus** (OTA), Wilmington, DE | Accreditation | 7 | 2027/2028 |
| **Dominican College** (OTM), Orangeburg, NY | Accreditation | 10 | 2030/2031 |
| **New York Institute of Technology** (OTM), Old Westbury, NY | Accreditation | 10 | 2030/2031 |
| **South University-Columbia** (OTA), Columbia, SC | Accreditation | 5 | 2025/2026 |
| **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center** (OTM), Lubbock, TX | Accreditation-Inactive | 3\* | 2023/2024 |
| **University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus** (OTM), St. Augustine, FL | Accreditation | 10 | 2030/2031 |
| **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley** (OTM), Edinburg, TX | Accreditation-Inactive | 3\* | 2023/2024 |
| *Accreditation Granted following a re-accreditation 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 be in noncompliance with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable. At the time of ACOTE action, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:** *5-year review cycles are given to programs that are reaccredited, but 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.*

*\*Less than 5-year review cycles may be granted to accredited master’s or associate-degree-level programs that are transitioning to a higher degree level. The accreditation term awarded by ACOTE is established based on the scheduled graduation date of the last class of master’s or associate-degree-level students. These programs will be scheduled for a full on-site evaluation in the designated academic year unless the programs complete the transition to the higher degree level before that date.* |
| *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*.  |

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| **Final ACOTE decision to change status to Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Holmes Community College** (OTA), Ridgeland, MS | Probationary Accreditation |

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| **Final ACOTE decision to continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Trinity Washington University** (OTA), Washington, DC | Probationary Accreditation-Inactive |

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| **Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Georgia State University** (OTM), Atlanta, GA | Accreditation-Inactive |
| **Spalding University** (OTM), Louisville, KY | Accreditation-Inactive |
| **University of Missouri** (OTM), Columbia, MO | 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*.  |

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| **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** |
| **Remington College-Orlando** (OTA), Lake Mary, FL | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| **Southwest Virginia Community College at Virginia Highlands Community College** (OTA), Abingdon, VA*(Additional location of Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, VA)* | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| **Touro University Nevada** (OTM), Henderson, NV*(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)* | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| **University of Mary** (OTM), Bismarck, ND*(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)* | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| **University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio** (OTM), San Antonio, TX*(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)* | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |

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| **Final ACOTE decision subsequent to expiration of Candidacy Status:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Bay State College** (OTA), Boston, MA | Candidacy Status Expired |
| *Candidacy Status Expired: A program receiving Candidacy Status must admit students to the program within 2 years of the enrollment date indicated in the Letter of Intent or reapply for Candidacy Status. Candidacy Status cannot be renewed or extended; however, programs may reapply for Candidacy Status.* |

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| **Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Concorde Career College-Memphis** (OTA), Memphis, TN | Approval to change to a hybrid format |
| **Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus** (OTA), Hialeah, FL | Approval to change to a hybrid/ distance education format |
| **Quinnipiac University** (OTD), Hamden, CT | Approval of an additional cohort  |
| **Quinnipiac University** (OTM), Hamden, CT | Approval of curriculum changes for more than one third of courses |
| **St. Catherine University** (OTA), St. Paul, MN | Approval to modify the lab schedule and delivery method |
| **Stanbridge University** (OTM), Irvine, CA | Approval to modify the curriculum and delivery model |
| **University of Utah** (OTM), Salt Lake City, UT | Approval of curriculum changes for more than one third of courses |
| **Walsh University** (OTM), North Canton, OH | Approval to change to a hybrid format |
| **West Virginia University** (OTM), Morgantown, WV | Approval of curriculum changes for more than one third of courses |

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| **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** |
| **Chatham University** (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **College of Saint Mary** (OTD), Omaha, NE | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Indiana Wesleyan University** (OTA), Greenwood, IN | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Keiser University-Fort Myers** (OTM), Fort Myers, FL | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Iona College** (OTM), New Rochelle, NY | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| **Medical University of South Carolina** (OTD), Charleston, SC | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Pace University-Westchester Campus** (OTM), Pleasantville, NY | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Pima Medical Institute-San Marcos** (OTA), San Marcos, CA | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Spalding University** (OTD), Louisville, KY | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Towson University** (OTD), Towson, MD | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| **Tufts University** (OTD), Medford, MA | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **University of Findlay** (OTD), Findlay, OH | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **University of Kansas Medical Center** (OTD), Kansas City, KS | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| **University of North Dakota** (OTD), Grand Forks, ND and additional location at Casper College, Casper, WY | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Widener University** (OTD), Chester, PA | Preaccreditation Status Granted |
| **Wingate University** (OTD), Wingate, NC | 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.* |
| *Preaccreditation 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.* |
| **Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):** |
| **PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE** | **DECISION** |
| **Abilene Christian University** (OTD), Abilene, TX | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Brookline College-Phoenix Campus** (OTA), Phoenix, AZ | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Cedar Crest College** (OTD), Allentown, PA | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **College of Western Idaho** (OTA), Nampa, ID | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Colorado Mesa University** (OTM), Grand Junction, CO | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Duke University School of Medicine** (OTD), Durham, NC | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **MCPHS University-Worcester Campus** (OTM), Worcester, MA*(Additional location of MCPHS University-Manchester Campus, Manchester, NH)* | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Notre Dame of Maryland University** (OTD), Baltimore, MD | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Roberts Wesleyan College** (OTD), Rochester, NY | Provisional Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey** (OTD), Newark, NJ | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Southeastern College-Charleston Campus** (OTA), North Charleston, SC | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **St. Bonaventure University** (OTM), St. Bonaventure, NY | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **University of Nebraska Medical Center** (OTD), Omaha, NE | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **University of Southern California** (OTD), Los Angeles, CA | 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 2018 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.**Provisional Candidacy Status Granted: A status granted for a program that submitted a Candidacy Application for a new occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant program located in a state that requires Candidacy Status from ACOTE prior to approving the new program. This exception allows the program to move forward with the understanding that state approval must be received before the first class of students enter the program. All other rules apply.* |

As of May 10, 2021, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 658.

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| **Program Status** | **OT Doctoral** | **OT Master’s** | **OTABaccalaureate** | **OTAAssociate** | **TOTAL** |
| Accredited | 49 | 173 | 1 | 222 | 445 |
| Candidate or Preaccreditation  | 66 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 91 |
| Applicant  | 72 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 122 |
| **TOTAL** | **187** | **209** | **17** | **245** | **658** |

*NOTE: OT (42) and OTA (4) 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](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2042 or accred@aota.org.