

## ACOTE® April 2021 Accreditation Actions

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

<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:</b>			
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NEXT ON-SITE</b>
<b>GateWay Community College/East Valley Institute of Technology (OTA)</b> , Phoenix, AZ	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Indiana University (OTD)</b> , Indianapolis, IN	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Moravian College (OTM)</b> , Bethlehem, PA	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM)</b> , Knoxville, TN	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Union College (OTA)</b> , Lincoln, NE	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTD)</b> , Irving, TX	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<p><i>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 <b>substantial compliance</b> 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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-year review cycles are the standard number of years for initial accreditation; and</li> <li>• 7-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.</li> </ul>			

<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:</b>			
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NEXT ON-SITE</b>
<b>Abilene Christian University (OTM)</b> , Abilene, TX	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Daytona State College (OTA)</b> , Daytona Beach, FL	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>Delaware Technical Community College, George Campus (OTA)</b> , Wilmington, DE	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Dominican College (OTM)</b> , Orangeburg, NY	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>New York Institute of Technology (OTM)</b> , Old Westbury, NY	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>South University-Columbia (OTA)</b> , Columbia, SC	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (OTM)</b> , Lubbock, TX	Accreditation -Inactive	3*	2023/2024
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus (OTM)</b> , St. Augustine, FL	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTM)</b> , Edinburg, TX	Accreditation -Inactive	3*	2023/2024
<p><i>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 <b>substantial compliance</b> 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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-year review cycles are given to programs that are reaccredited, but raise significant concerns as determined by ACOTE;</li> <li>• 7-year review cycles are the standard number of years for reaccreditation; and</li> </ul>			

- 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.*

**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	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>

**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	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation-Inactive</a>

**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

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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

**Final ACOTE decision subsequent to expiration of Candidacy Status:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Bay State College (OTA), Boston, MA	Candidacy Status Expired
<i>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.</i>	

**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

**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):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Abilene Christian University</b> (OTD), Abilene, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Brookline College-Phoenix Campus</b> (OTA), Phoenix, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Cedar Crest College</b> (OTD), Allentown, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>College of Western Idaho</b> (OTA), Nampa, ID	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Colorado Mesa University</b> (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Duke University School of Medicine</b> (OTD), Durham, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>MCPHS University-Worcester Campus</b> (OTM), Worcester, MA <i>(Additional location of MCPHS University-Manchester Campus, Manchester, NH)</i>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Notre Dame of Maryland University</b> (OTD), Baltimore, MD	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Roberts Wesleyan College</b> (OTD), Rochester, NY	Provisional Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</b> (OTD), Newark, NJ	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Southeastern College-Charleston Campus</b> (OTA), North Charleston, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>St. Bonaventure University</b> (OTM), St. Bonaventure, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Nebraska Medical Center</b> (OTD), Omaha, NE	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Southern California</b> (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.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's</b>	<b>OTA Baccalaureate</b>	<b>OTA Associate</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited	49	173	1	222	445
Candidate or Preaccreditation	66	10	4	11	91
Applicant	72	26	12	12	122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>658</b>

*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](mailto:accred@aota.org).