



ACOTE® May 2021 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in May 2021 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
Texas Woman's University (OTM), Denton, TX, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center (OTM), Dallas, TX, and • Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center (OTM), Houston, TX 	Accreditation-Inactive
University of Minnesota (OTM), Minneapolis, MN and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Minnesota, Rochester Campus, Rochester, MN 	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 review of a Significant Program Change:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTM), Concord, NC	Approval of increased enrollment
Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, FL	Approval to change to a hybrid format
Duke University School of Medicine (OTD), Durham, NC	Approval of increased enrollment
St. Louis Community College at Meramec (OTA), St. Louis, MO	Approval to relocate to the Forest Park Campus beginning August 2021

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
Iona College (OTM), New Rochelle, NY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<p><i>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.</i></p>	

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence/Baylor University (OTD), Fort Sam Houston, TX	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 June 11, 2021, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 669.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	49	173	1	222	445
Candidate or Preaccreditation	67	10	4	11	92
Applicant	76	30	13	13	132
TOTAL	192	213	18	246	669
<i>Transitioning</i>		42		4	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.