



ACOTE® December 2020 Accreditation Actions

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

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Jacksonville University (OTD), Jacksonville, FL	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
Kean University (OTD), Hillside, NJ	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
Lewis University-Romeoville (OTM), Romeoville, IL	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
Methodist University (OTD), Fayetteville, NC	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
Shawnee State University at Southern State Community College (OTA), Hillsboro, OH <i>(Additional location of Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH)</i>	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
Shenandoah University-Scholar Plaza Campus (OTM), Leesburg, VA <i>(Additional location transitioned to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
Slippery Rock University (OTD), Slippery Rock, PA	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
South College-Nashville Campus (OTA), Nashville, TN	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
St. Catherine University (OTD), St. Paul, MN	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
University of Mary-Billings (OTD), Billings, MT	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
University of Mary-Bismarck (OTD), Bismarck, ND	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
University of Mississippi Medical Center (OTD), Jackson, MS	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
University of Texas at Tyler (OTM), Tyler, TX	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTD), San Antonio, TX	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<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 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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Augusta University (OTM), Augusta, GA	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
Caddo Kiowa Technology Center/Southwestern Oklahoma State University (OTA), Fort Cobb, OK	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
Pima Medical Institute-El Paso (OTA), El Paso, TX	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
Sacramento City College (OTA), Sacramento, CA	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
Springfield Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, MA	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
Temple University (OTM), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	3*	2023/2024
University of Minnesota (OTM), Minneapolis and Rochester, MN	Accreditation	3*	2023/2024
University of Texas at El Paso (OTM), El Paso, TX	Accreditation	3*	2023/2024
University of Indianapolis (OTM), Indianapolis, IN	Accreditation	10	2030/2031

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- 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.*

ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay site visits for one year from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023 given the current pandemic and successful program outcomes of the following programs:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE
Bates Technical College (OTA), Tacoma, WA
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA
Green River College (OTA), Auburn, WA
Indiana State University (OTM), Terre Haute, IN
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Nazareth College (OTM), Rochester, NY
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, VA
Pacific University (OTD), Hillsboro, OR
San Juan College (OTA), Farmington, NM
Trinity Washington University (OTM), Washington, DC
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTM), Monroe, LA
West Coast University-Los Angeles (OTM), Los Angeles, CA

Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Neosho County Community College-Ottawa Campus (OTA), Ottawa, KS	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Washburn University (OTA), Topeka, KS	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)

Accreditation (changed from Probationary Accreditation): The accreditation review process confirms that the program has corrected the concerns leading to Probationary Accreditation status and is now 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.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Mercyhurst University (OTA), North East, PA	Accreditation-Inactive
Trinity Washington University (OTA), Washington, DC	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
University of Florida (OTM), Gainesville, FL	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.*

Final ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation period subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	TERM EXTENSION	NEXT ON-SITE
Augusta Technical College (OTA), Augusta, GA	7 to 10 years	2029/2030
Midwestern University-Downers Grove Campus (OTD), Downers Grove, IL	5 to 7 years	2026/2027

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 5 to 7 or from 7 to 10 years. This decision will be 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.

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
Colorado Mesa University (OTD), Grand Junction, CO <i>(University has applied for Candidacy Status for an OTM program)</i>	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Mississippi Medical Center (OTM), Jackson, MS <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, CA	Approval of an evening track option and increased enrollment
Eastern Kentucky University (OTD), Richmond, KY	Approval of increased enrollment
Fox College (OTA), Bedford Park, IL	Approval to move to new facilities at the Tinley Park Campus - 18020 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477
New England Institute of Technology (OTM), East Greenwich, RI	Approval of an additional cohort and increased enrollment
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTD), San Antonio, TX	Approval of increased enrollment

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
GateWay Community College/East Valley Institute of Technology (OTA), Phoenix, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Indiana University (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Moravian College (OTM), Bethlehem, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Muskingum University (OTM), New Concord, OH	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Rocky Mountain College (OTD), Billings, MT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM), Knoxville, TN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Union College (OTA), Lincoln, NE	Preaccreditation Status Granted

University of Florida (OTD), Gainesville, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTD), Irving, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<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>	
<i>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.</i>	

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Central Methodist University (OTA-B), Fayette, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
Georgia State University (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Candidacy Status Granted
Howard University (OTD), Washington, DC	Candidacy Status Granted
Indiana University South Bend (OTM), Elkhart, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Loma Linda University Health (OTD), Loma Linda, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Monmouth University (OTD), West Long Branch, NJ	Candidacy Status Granted
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
Trinity Washington University (OTA-B), Washington, DC	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Missouri (OTA-B), Columbia, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Texas at El Paso (OTD), El Paso, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Webber International University (OTA-B), Babson Park, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
West Virginia University (OTD), Morgantown, WV	Candidacy Status Granted
<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>	

As of January 4, 2021, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 646.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	38	171	1	220	430
Candidate or Preaccreditation	69	11	4	11	95
Applicant	73	22	11	15	121
TOTAL	180	204	16	246	646
<i>Transitioning</i>		43		3	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.