



## ACOTE® August 2021 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 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>Indiana Wesleyan University (OTA)</b> , Greenwood, IN	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Iona College (OTM)</b> , New Rochelle, NY	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Keiser University-Fort Myers (OTM)</b> , Fort Myers, FL	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Muskingum University (OTM)</b> , New Concord, OH	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Pace University-Westchester Campus (OTM)</b> , Pleasantville, NY	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Pima Medical Institute-San Marcos (OTA)</b> , San Marcos, CA	Accreditation	5	2025/2026
<b>Rocky Mountain College (OTD)</b> , Billings, MT	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Spalding University (OTD)</b> , Louisville, KY	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>University of Charleston-Charleston (OTA)</b> , Charleston, WV (Additional location of University of Charleston-Beckley, Beckley, WV)	Accreditation	1*	2021/2022
<b>University of Florida (OTD)</b> , Gainesville, FL	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> <p><i>*1-year term to coincide with the academic year of the regularly scheduled on-site evaluation of the main campus.</i></p>			

<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>American International College (OTM)</b> , Springfield, MA	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (OTA)</b> , Jonesboro, AR	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Baker College of Owosso (OTA)</b> , Owosso, MI	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Creighton University (OTD)</b> , Omaha, NE	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>D'Youville College (OTM)</b> , Buffalo, NY	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Grand Valley State University (OTM)</b> , Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Jefferson College-Hillsboro (OTA)</b> , Hillsboro, MO	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Kent State University at East Liverpool (OTA)</b> , East Liverpool, OH	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Lincoln Land Community College (OTA)</b> , Springfield, IL	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Maria College (OTA)</b> , Albany, NY	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Mercy College (OTM)</b> , Dobbs Ferry, NY	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>North Dakota State College of Science (OTA)</b> , Wahpeton, ND	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>Pennsylvania State University-Shenango Campus (OTA)</b> , Sharon, PA	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
<b>Shenandoah University (OTM)</b> , Winchester, VA	Accreditation	3*	2023/2024
<b>Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (OTA)</b> , Herrin, IL	Accreditation	7	2027/2028

<b>Texas Woman's University (OTM), Denton, TX</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center, Dallas, TX, and</b></li> <li>• <b>Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, Houston, TX</b></li> </ul>	Accreditation -Inactive	3*	2023/2024
<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (OTM), Chapel Hill, NC</b>	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<b>Worcester State University (OTM), Worcester, MA</b>	Accreditation	7	2027/2028
<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> <li>• 10-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.</li> </ul> <p><i>*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.</i></p>			
<p><i><b>Inactive Status:</b> Inactive status is a special status applied only to programs that are <b>not currently enrolling new students</b> 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>			

<b>Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Holmes Community College (OTA), Ridgeland, MS</b>	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
<p><i>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.</i></p>	

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Loma Linda University Health (OTM), Loma Linda, CA</b> <i>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation-Inactive
<b>Medical University of South Carolina (OTM), Charleston, SC</b> <i>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation-Inactive
<p><i><b>Inactive Status:</b> Inactive status is a special status applied only to programs that are <b>not currently enrolling new students</b> 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 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
Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM), Knoxville, TN	5 to 7 years	2027/2028

*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
Baker College of Allen Park (OTA), Allen Park, MI	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Indiana University (OTM), Indianapolis, IN <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
North Central State College (OTA), Mansfield, OH	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Spalding University (OTM), Louisville, KY <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Florida (OTM), Gainesville, FL <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Pittsburgh (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA <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
Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI	Approval to change to a hybrid delivery format
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Approval of curriculum changes for more than one third of courses
Kapiolani Community College/University of Hawaii (OTA), Honolulu, HI	Approval of increased enrollment
Shenandoah University (OTM), Winchester, VA	Approval to change to a weekend hybrid format
Springfield Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, MA	Approval of increased enrollment
Yeshiva University-Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus (OTD), Bronx, NY	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
Johnson & Wales University-Providence (OTD), Providence, RI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Platt College-Anaheim (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Towson University (OTD), Towson, MD	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Kansas Medical Center (OTD), Kansas City, KS	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Michigan-Flint (OTD), Flint, MI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Texas Medical Branch (OTD), Galveston, TX	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.*

**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>Arkansas Colleges of Health Education</b> (OTD), Fort Smith, AR	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Colorado State University</b> (OTD), Fort Collins, CO	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>East Tennessee State University</b> (OTD), Johnson City, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Northern Kentucky University</b> (OTD), Highland Heights, KY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Stanbridge University-Riverside</b> (OTM), Riverside, CA <i>(Additional location of Stanbridge University, Irvine, CA)</i>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Temple University</b> (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Hartford</b> (OTM), West Hartford, CT	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b> (OTD), Chicago, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center</b> (OTD), Oklahoma City and additional location at University of Oklahoma- Tulsa, Schusterman Center, Tulsa, OK	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Vermont</b> (OTD), Burlington, VT	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Valparaiso University</b> (OTD), Valparaiso, IN	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Western Michigan University</b> (OTA-B), Kalamazoo, MI	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Wilmington College</b> (OTM), Wilmington, OH	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.*

*Candidacy 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.*

As of September 8, 2021, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 665.

<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	75	8	4	9	96
Applicant	69	28	13	14	124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>665</b>

*NOTE: OT (38) 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 [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).