

ACOTE® September 2021 Accreditation Actions

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

<u>ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay the site visit for one year from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023:</u>
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE
Wor-Wic Community College (OTA), Salisbury, MD

<u>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:</u>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Western Michigan University (OTM), Kalamazoo, MI and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Michigan University-Grand Rapids Campus (OTM), Grand Rapids, MI <i>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)</i> 	Accreditation-Inactive
<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>	

<u>Final ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation period subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:</u>		
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	TERM EXTENSION	NEXT ON-SITE
University of Central Arkansas (OTD), Conway, AR	5 to 7 years	2026/2027
<i>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.</i>		

<u>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</u>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Valparaiso University (OTD), Valparaiso, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Western Michigan University (OTA-B), Kalamazoo, MI	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 October 7, 2021, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 666.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	52	173	1	222	448
Candidate or Preaccreditation	73	8	5	8	94
Applicant	69	28	12	15	124
TOTAL	194	209	18	245	666

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) or from accreditation staff at accred@aota.org.