

ACOTE® April 2022 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2022 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
Clovis Community College-Herndon Campus (OTA) , Clovis, CA	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
Concordia University Wisconsin (OTD) , Mequon, WI	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2028/2029
Maria College (OTM) , Albany, NY	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2028/2029
Russell Sage College (OTD) , Troy, NY	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (OTM) , Belton, TX	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2028/2029
University of Minnesota (OTD) , Minneapolis, MN and • University of Minnesota-Rochester Campus (OTD) , Rochester, MN	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
University of Texas Medical Branch (OTD) , Galveston, TX	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2028/2029
<p><i>Accreditation granted following an initial on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is in full compliance with all 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> <p><i>Accreditation with Conditions 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 have areas of concern with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable with appropriate evidence provided within 60 days of ACOTE action or a monitoring report due within one year. Once the areas of concern are corrected, the accreditation status will be changed to Accreditation.</i></p> <p><i>At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation or Accreditation with Conditions, 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
Central Piedmont Community College (OTA) , Charlotte, NC	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA) , Roswell, NM	Continuing Accreditation-Probationary	-	2026/2027
Grossmont College (OTA) , El Cajon, CA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Middle Georgia State University (OTA) , Cochran, GA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Milligan University (OTM) , Milligan, TN	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2028/2029
Nova Southeastern University-Tampa Bay Regional Campus (OTD) , Clearwater, FL	Accreditation	10	2031/2032

Oklahoma City Community College (OTA), Oklahoma City, OK	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2028/2029
Stanbridge University (OTM), Irvine, CA	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2028/2029
Towson University (OTM), Towson, MD	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Tyler Junior College (OTA), Tyler, TX	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
University of Charleston-Beckley (OTA), Beckley, WV and • University of Charleston-Charleston (OTA), Charleston, WV	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2026/2027
University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences Campus (OTM), San Juan, PR	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
University of South Alabama (OTM), Mobile, AL	Accreditation with Conditions	10	2031/2032
University of Washington (OTM), Seattle, WA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Wallace State Community College (OTA), Hanceville, AL	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2028/2029

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Continuing Accreditation with Warning granted following a re-accreditation on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is not in compliance with one or more of 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. The program's current accreditation status will be extended until all areas of noncompliance are resolved. Once the program has come into full compliance, a new accreditation term will be awarded. The amount of time the program maintained continuing accreditation with warning status will be deducted from the new accreditation term.

At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation or Accreditation with Conditions, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:

- 5-year review cycles are given to programs that 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.

***Probationary Accreditation or Continuing Accreditation-Probationary:** Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category. During a period of Probationary Accreditation, programs are recognized and listed as being accredited. Probationary Accreditation is usually limited to 1 year. However, extensions may be granted by ACOTE for good cause. Programs receiving ACOTE's notification of a change of status to Probationary Accreditation must notify currently enrolled students and those seeking admission that the program has been placed on probation and post notification of the change of status on the program's homepage. Probationary status may be removed when the program has demonstrated that it is in substantial compliance with the Standards:*

- Because the areas of noncompliance are resolved, or
- Because the program has documented significant progress toward compliance with the cited areas of noncompliance within the allowed time period.

Failure to come into substantial compliance with the Standards within the allowed time period will result in a change of status to Accreditation Withdrawn.

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
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Probationary Accreditation

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Cayuga Community College-Fulton Campus (OTA), Fulton, NY	Accreditation-Inactive
Cleveland State University (OTM), Cleveland, OH <i>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation-Inactive
University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTM), Birmingham, AL <i>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation-Inactive and 1-year extension of the accreditation term from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024.

*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 grant an accreditation term subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Anoka Technical College (OTA), Anoka, MN	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus (OTM), Brooklyn, NY	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
North Shore Community College (OTA), Danvers, MA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA), Piscataway, NJ	Accreditation	3*	2024/2025
University of Michigan-Flint (OTD), Flint, MI	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (OTM), Chapel Hill, NC	Accreditation	10	2030/2031
Worcester State University (OTM), Worcester, MA	Accreditation	10	2030/2031

Based on ACOTE’s determination that the program has come into full compliance, a new accreditation term is awarded. For reaccredited programs, the amount of time the program maintained continuing accreditation with warning status has been deducted from the new accreditation term.

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 is 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.

**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.*

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
Chatham University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Medical University of South Carolina (OTM), Charleston, SC <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
South Arkansas Community College (OTA), El Dorado, AR	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Minnesota (OTM), Minneapolis, MN and - University of Minnesota-Rochester Campus (OTM), Rochester, MN <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
Baker College Center for Graduate Studies (OTM), Flint, MI	Approval to relocate to the Metro Detroit Campus in Royal Oak, Michigan effective August 2022
Chattahoochee Technical College (OTA), Acworth, GA	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model for more than one third of courses
Kapiolani Community College/University of Hawaii (OTA), Honolulu, HI	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model and add a distance education cohort at the University of Hawaii-Maui College
Maria College (OTM), Albany, NY	Approval of increased enrollment
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTM), San Marcos, CA	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
Baylor University (OTD), Waco, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Brenau University, North Atlanta-Norcross Campus (OTD), Norcross, GA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Cleveland State University (OTD), Cleveland, OH	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (OTA), Perkinston, MS	<u>Preaccreditation Status Denied</u>
Mount Mary University (OTD), Milwaukee, WI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
New York Institute of Technology (OTD), Old Westbury, NY	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Pfeiffer University-Albemarle Campus (OTM), Albemarle, NC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Shenandoah University (OTD), Winchester, VA	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (OTD), Lubbock, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Texas Woman's University (OTD), Denton and additional locations in Dallas and Houston, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Nevada-Las Vegas (OTD), Las Vegas, NV	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Western Michigan University (OTD), Kalamazoo and additional location in Grand Rapids, MI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<p><i><u>Preaccreditation Status Granted:</u> 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> <p><i><u>Preaccreditation Status Deferred:</u> Information received from the program is incomplete and/or insufficient for evaluation. Supplementary information is requested for consideration at a subsequent ACOTE meeting.</i></p> <p><i><u>Preaccreditation Status Denied:</u> The proposed program does not meet one or more of the Standards and there does not appear to be evidence of the ability to comply within the immediate future. No further action will be taken unless the program sends notification of the intent to proceed with the accreditation process. The institution retains the option of proceeding with the initial on site evaluation.</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
Bond University (OTD), Robina, Queensland, Australia	Candidacy Status Granted
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Carlow University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
Carlow University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
DePaul University (OTM), Chicago, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
Faulkner University (OTD), Montgomery, AL	Candidacy Status Granted
Keck Graduate Institute (OTD), Claremont, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Middle Georgia State University (OTM), Cochran, GA	Candidacy Status Granted
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
Utica College (OTD), Utica, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
Webber International University at St. Andrews University (OTA-B), Laurinburg, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
Whitworth University (OTD), Spokane, WA	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.

As of May 2, 2022, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 663.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	68	171	1	221	461
Candidate or Preaccreditation	71	10	6	7	94
Applicant	59	23	11	15	108
TOTAL	198	204	18	243	663

NOTE: OT (36) and OTA (3) 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.