



## ACOTE® August 2022 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 2022 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>Baylor University</b> (OTD), Waco, TX	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
<b>Felician University</b> (OTA), Rutherford, NJ	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
<b>Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College</b> (OTA), Perkinston, MS <i>(action taken via conference call on 7/23/2022)</i>	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
<b>University of Arkansas-Fayetteville/University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</b> (OTD), Fayetteville, AR	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2028/2029
<b>Yeshiva University-Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus</b> (OTD), Bronx, NY	Accreditation	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 <b>substantial compliance</b> 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"> <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>			

<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>Alvernia University</b> (OTM), Reading, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Bay Path University-East Longmeadow Campus</b> (OTM), East Longmeadow, MA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>Casper College</b> (OTA), Casper, WY	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Cincinnati State Technical and Community College</b> (OTA), Cincinnati, OH	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Concordia University Wisconsin</b> (OTM), Mequon, WI	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>Del Mar College</b> (OTA), Corpus Christi, TX	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029

<b>Eastern Michigan University (OTM), Ypsilanti, MI</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Indian Capital Technology Center/Connors State College (OTA)</b> Muskogee, OK	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Indian Hills Community College (OTA), Ottumwa, IA</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Manchester Community College (OTA), Manchester, CT</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Mount Mary University (OTM), Milwaukee, WI</b>	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA),</b> Newberry, SC	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Saginaw Valley State University (OTM), University Center, MI</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Sinclair Community College (OTA), Dayton, OH</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>South College-Asheville Campus (OTA), Asheville, NC</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences</b> <b>University (OTM), Brooklyn, NY</b>	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>University of New Hampshire (OTM), Durham, NH</b>	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>University of Puget Sound (OTM), Tacoma, WA</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus</b> <b>(OTM), Austin, TX</b>	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (OTM), Milwaukee, WI</b>	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
<b>Utica University (OTM), Utica, NY</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Villa Maria College (OTA), Buffalo, NY</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2026/2027
<b>Weatherford College (OTA), Weatherford, TX</b>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
<b>Xavier University (OTM), Cincinnati, OH</b>	Accreditation	3*	2024/2025
<i>Accreditation granted following a re-accreditation 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>			
<i>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-</i>			

*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.*

*\*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 to continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	<a href="#">Continuing Accreditation-Probationary</a>
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>

*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. 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 subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
River Valley Community College (OTA), Claremont, NH	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
Wallace State Community College (OTA), Hanceville, AL	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
Zane State College (OTA), Zanesville, OH	Accreditation	10	2031/2032

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.

**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
Lehigh Carbon Community College (OTA), Schnecksville, PA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Mercyhurst University (OTA), North East, PA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Additional locations of Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX at: - Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center (OTM), Dallas, TX - Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center (OTM), Houston, TX	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of North Dakota (OTM), Grand Forks, ND and - University of North Dakota at Casper College (OTM), Casper, WY (Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Texas Medical Branch (OTM), Galveston, TX (Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
East Carolina University (OTM), Greenville, NC	Approval to modify the curriculum for more than one third of courses
Howard University (OTD), Washington, DC	Approval to relocate the Department of Occupational Therapy to 801 North Capital Street, NE, Washington, DC 20001
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North Central College (OTM), Naperville, IL	Approval to add a bridge/weekend format
Western Michigan University (OTA-B), Kalamazoo, MI	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
Central Methodist University (OTA-B), Fayette, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Emory and Henry College-Marion Campus (OTD), Marion, VA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Marquette University (OTD), Milwaukee, WI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
New York Institute of Technology (OTD), Old Westbury, NY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Quinnipiac University (OTD), Hamden, CT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Shenandoah University (OTD), Winchester, VA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Trinity Washington University (OTA-B), Washington, DC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Puget Sound (OTD), Tacoma, WA	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>Brookline College-Albuquerque Campus (OTA), Albuquerque, NM</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Old Dominion University (OTD), Norfolk, VA</b>	Provisional Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (OTM), Yakima, WA</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>San Jose State University (OTD), San Jose, CA</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Southern California University of Health Sciences (OTD), Whittier, CA</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Charleston-Charleston (OTM), Charleston, WV</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Cincinnati (OTD), Cincinnati, OH</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>West Coast University-Dallas (OTM), Richardson, TX</b>	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.*

*Provisional Candidacy Status Granted: ACOTE has an exception clause to include granting Provisional Candidacy Status for programs that wish to submit Candidacy Applications for a new occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant program and reside in a state that requires Candidacy Status from ACOTE prior to approving the new program. This exception allows programs to move forward with the understanding that state approval must be received before the first class of students enter the program. Once ACOTE receives official notification of state approval, the status of the program will be changed from Provisional Candidacy Status to Candidacy Status and the program may proceed with admission of the first class of students into the program.*

As of September 6, 2022, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 671.

<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	71	168	1	221	461
Candidate or Preaccreditation	72	13	6	6	97
Applicant	65	21	12	15	113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>671</b>

*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](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from accreditation staff at [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).