

ACOTE® December 2022 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 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
Brenau University, North Atlanta-Norcross Campus (OTD), Norcross, GA	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
Cleveland State University (OTD), Cleveland, OH	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Mount Mary University (OTD), Milwaukee, WI	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
New York Institute of Technology (OTD), Old Westbury, NY	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Pfeiffer University-Albemarle Campus (OTM), Albemarle, NC	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Quinnipiac University (OTD), Hamden, CT	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Shenandoah University (OTD), Winchester, VA	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (OTD), Lubbock, TX	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Texas Woman's University (OTD), Denton, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center (OTD), Dallas, TX • Texas Woman's University, Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center (OTD), Houston, TX 	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
University of Nevada-Las Vegas (OTD), Las Vegas, NV	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
University of Puget Sound (OTD), Tacoma, WA	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Western Michigan University (OTD), Kalamazoo, MI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Michigan University-Grand Rapids Campus (OTD), Grand Rapids, MI 	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
<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. At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation, 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. <p><i>Accreditation Deferred following an initial on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is not 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. The program may maintain Preaccreditation Status until all areas of noncompliance are resolved and not to exceed 5 years.</i></p>			

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Bossier Parish Community College (OTA), Bossier City, LA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTM), Concord, NC	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Davenport University (OTM), Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Green River College (OTA), Auburn, WA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2027/2028
Indiana State University (OTM), Terre Haute, IN	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
James Madison University (OTM), Harrisonburg, VA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Lake Area Technical College (OTA), Watertown, SD	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Lewis & Clark Community College (OTA), Godfrey, IL	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Northern Arizona University (OTD), Phoenix, AZ	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, VA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Regis College (OTM), Weston, MA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Salt Lake Community College (OTA), West Jordan, UT	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Southwestern Community College-Jackson/Sylva Campus (OTA), Sylva, NC	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
St. Catherine University (OTA), St. Paul, MN	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Stony Brook University (OTM), Stony Brook, NY • Stony Brook University-Southampton (OTM), Southampton, NY	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach Campus (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
University of Findlay (OTM), Findlay, OH	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTM), Monroe, LA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Western Technical College (OTA), LaCrosse, WI	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030

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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.

Final ACOTE decision to change status to or 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	Continuing Accreditation-Probationary
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Towson University (OTD), Towson, MD	Continuing Accreditation Probationary
Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	Probationary Accreditation

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.

ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay the site visit for one year from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE
Newman University (OTA), Wichita, KS

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Laredo College-South Campus (OTA), Laredo, TX	Accreditation-Inactive
Radford University Carilion (OTA), Roanoke, VA	Accreditation-Inactive and 2-year extension of the accreditation term from 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.

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
Alvernia University (OTM), Reading, PA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Baker College of Muskegon (OTA), Muskegon, MI	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
Casper College (OTA), Casper, WY	Accreditation	10	2031/2032

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (OTA), Cincinnati, OH	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Eastern Michigan University (OTM), Ypsilanti, MI	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Manchester Community College (OTA), Manchester, CT	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
Milligan University (OTM), Milligan, TN	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Saginaw Valley State University (OTM), University Center, MI	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
South College-Asheville Campus (OTA), Asheville, NC	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Stanbridge University (OTM), Irvine, CA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
University of Puget Sound (OTM), Tacoma, WA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
Utica University (OTM), Utica, NY	Accreditation	7	2028/2029

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 review of a Significant Program Change:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
American International College (OTM), Springfield, MA	Approval to modify the curriculum for more than one third of courses
Augusta Technical College (OTA), Augusta, GA	Approval to relocate to the Piedmont Summerville Campus at 2260 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia 30904 effective January 2023
Colorado Mesa University (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Approval of increased enrollment
Dominican University of California (OTM), San Rafael, CA	Approval to add a cohort of 25 students in a one-day per week format
Grand Rapids Community College (OTA), Grand Rapids, MI	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model
Iona University (OTM), New Rochelle, NY	Approval to relocate to the Bronxville Campus effective January 2023
Lenoir-Rhyne University (OTM), Hickory, NC • Lenoir-Rhyne University-Columbia Campus, Columbia, SC	Approval to change designation from a distance education cohort to an additional location of the primary campus
Sacramento City College (OTA), Sacramento, CA	Approval to change to a hybrid delivery model
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	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
College of Western Idaho (OTA), Boise, ID	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Presbyterian College (OTD), Clinton, SC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Rockhurst University (OTD), Kansas City, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTD), Birmingham, AL	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
University of the Pacific-Sacramento Campus (OTD), Sacramento, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted

University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (OTD), Lewiston, ME	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Xavier University (OTD), Cincinnati, OH	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
Briar Cliff University (OTD), Sioux City, IA	Candidacy Status Deferred
Brookline College-Tucson Campus (OTA), Tucson, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
California State University, Dominguez Hills (OTD), Carson, CA	Candidacy Status Deferred
Cox College (OTD), Springfield, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
Des Moines University (OTD), Des Moines, IA	Candidacy Status Granted
Dominican University of California (OTD), San Rafael, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
East Carolina University (OTD), Greenville, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (OTD), Provo, UT	Candidacy Status Granted
University of New Haven (OTD), West Haven, CT	Candidacy Status Granted
Santa Ana College (OTA-B), Santa Ana, CA	Candidacy Status Deferred
University of Southern Indiana (OTD), Evansville, IN	Candidacy Status Deferred
University of Utah (OTD), Salt Lake City, UT	Candidacy Status Deferred
Western University of Health Sciences (OTD), Lebanon, OR	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>	
<i>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.</i>	

As of January 3, 2023, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 676.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	82	169	1	221	473
Candidate or Preaccreditation	68	12	6	8	94
Applicant	63	21	11	14	109
TOTAL	213	202	18	243	676

NOTE: OT (37) 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.