



## ACOTE® January 2023 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in January 2023 and took the following accreditation actions:

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request to waive an initial on-site evaluation:</b>			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
MCPHS University-Worcester Campus (OTM), Worcester, MA (Additional location of MCPHS University-Manchester Campus, Manchester, NH)	Accreditation	2*	2024/2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*2-year term to coincide with the academic year of the regularly scheduled on-site evaluation of the main campus</li> </ul>			

<b>ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay the site visit for one year from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024</b>			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE			
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (OTD), Chattanooga, TN			

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:</b>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Northern Arizona University (OTD), Phoenix, AZ	Approval to add a weekend cohort

<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
St. Bonaventure University (OTM), St. Bonaventure, NY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (OTD), Lewiston, ME	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<p><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></p>	

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Briar Cliff University (OTD), Sioux City, IA	Candidacy Status Granted
California State University, Dominguez Hills (OTD), Carson, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Southern Indiana (OTD), Evansville, IN	Provisional Candidacy Status Granted
<p><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></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	

**Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation or the initial accreditation process:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center</b> (OTM), Lubbock, TX <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
<b>Texas Woman's University</b> (OTM), Denton, TX <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
<b>University of Missouri</b> (OTM), Columbia, MO	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

As of January 31, 2023, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 673.

<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	82	166	1	221	470
Candidate or Preaccreditation	71	12	6	8	97
Applicant	61	20	12	13	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>673</b>

*NOTE: OT (34) 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).