

## ACOTE® April 2023 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2023 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>
Central Methodist University (OTA-B), Fayette, MO	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
College of Western Idaho (OTA), Boise, ID	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
Emory and Henry College-Marion Campus (OTD), Marion, VA	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
Marquette University (OTD), Milwaukee, WI	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Presbyterian College (OTD), Clinton, SC	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Rockhurst University (OTD), Kansas City, MO	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
St. Bonaventure University (OTM), St. Bonaventure, NY	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Trinity Washington University (OTA-B), Washington, DC	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
University of the Pacific-Sacramento Campus (OTD), Sacramento, CA	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (OTD), Lewiston, ME	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
Xavier University (OTD), Cincinnati, OH	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.</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, 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> <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>			

<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>
Bryant & Stratton College-Syracuse Campus (OTA), Syracuse, NY	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
California State University, Dominguez Hills (OTM), Carson, CA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, CA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Concorde Career College-Memphis (OTA), Memphis, TN	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
Cox College (OTM), Springfield, MO	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

<b>Eastern Kentucky University (OTM)</b> , Richmond, KY	Accreditation	3*	2025/2026
<b>Huntington University (OTD)</b> , Fort Wayne, IN	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Idaho State University (OTA)</b> , Pocatello, ID	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Campus (OTA)</b> , Tupelo, MS	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM)</b> , Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Madisonville Community College (OTA)</b> , Madisonville, KY	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2027/2028
<b>Mary Baldwin University (OTD)</b> , Fishersville, VA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>McLennan Community College (OTA)</b> , Waco, TX	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley (OTA)</b> , Kansas City, MO	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Murray State College (OTA)</b> , Tishomingo, OK	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Nazareth College (OTM)</b> , Rochester, NY	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Northeastern State University-Muskogee Campus (OTM)</b> , Muskogee, OK	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Pacific University (OTD)</b> , Hillsboro, OR	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>San Juan College (OTA)</b> , Farmington, NM	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>West Coast University-Los Angeles (OTM)</b> , Los Angeles, CA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

*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.*

*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.

*\*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 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	<a href="#">Continuing Accreditation-Probationary</a>
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
South Suburban College of Cook County, South Holland, IL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
South University-Columbia, Columbia, SC	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	<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 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 remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Towson University (OTD), Towson, MD	Accreditation (Changed from Continuing Accreditation-Probationary)

*Accreditation (changed from Probationary Accreditation or Continuing Accreditation-Probationary): The accreditation review process confirms that the program has corrected the concerns leading to Probationary Accreditation status and is now 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.*

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Central Methodist University (OTA), Fayette, MO	Accreditation-Inactive
Newman University (OTA), Wichita, KS	Accreditation-Inactive
Rockhurst University (OTM), Kansas City, MO	Accreditation-Inactive
Ross College in Quad Cities (OTA), Davenport, IA	Accreditation-Inactive and 2-year extension of the accreditation term from 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.
St. Louis College of Health Careers, County Campus (OTA), Fenton, MO	Accreditation-Inactive
University of Cincinnati (OTM), Cincinnati, OH	Accreditation-Inactive

*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
Brenau University, North Atlanta-Norcross Campus (OTD), Norcross, GA	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTM), Concord, NC	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Del Mar College (OTA), Corpus Christi, TX	Accreditation	7	2028/2029

<b>Indian Capital Technology Center/Connors State College (OTA), Muskogee, OK</b>	Accreditation	9	2031/2032
<b>Lake Area Technical College (OTA), Watertown, SD</b>	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Milwaukee Area Technical College (OTA), Milwaukee, WI</b>	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
<b>Oklahoma City Community College (OTA), Oklahoma City, OK</b>	Accreditation	7	2028/2029
<b>Salt Lake Community College (OTA), West Jordan, UT</b>	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Sinclair Community College (OTA), Dayton, OH</b>	Accreditation	9	2031/2032
<b>South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL</b>	Accreditation	9	2031/2032
<b>Stony Brook University (OTM), Stony Brook, NY</b> • <b>Stony Brook University-Southampton (OTM), Southampton, NY</b>	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

*Based on ACOTE's determination that the program has come into full compliance, a new accreditation term is awarded. For reaccruited 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 reaccruited programs, terms may be extended 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:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTM), Edinburg, TX</b> <i>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Brunel University London (OTM), Uxbridge, UK</b>	Approval to modify the curriculum for more than one third of courses
<b>CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, CA</b>	Approval to modify the curriculum model and increase enrollment
<b>Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA</b>	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model and add an additional distance education cohort
<b>Quinnipiac University (OTD), Hamden, CT</b>	Approval of increased enrollment
<b>Springfield Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, MA</b>	Approval to add a 3-year part-time track
<b>Thomas Jefferson University-Center City Campus (OTD), Philadelphia, PA</b>	Approval of increased enrollment
<b>University of Kansas Medical Center (OTD), Kansas City, KS</b>	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):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Abilene Christian University (OTD), Abilene, TX</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Cedar Crest College (OTD), Allentown, PA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Colorado Mesa University (OTM), Grand Junction, CO</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Duke University School of Medicine (OTD), Durham, NC</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Elizabethtown College (OTD), Elizabethtown, PA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Georgia State University (OTD), Atlanta, GA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Howard University (OTD), Washington, DC</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Indiana University South Bend (OTM), Elkhart, IN</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Lincoln Memorial University (OTD), Knoxville, TN</b>	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
<b>Monmouth University (OTD), West Long Branch, NJ</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Roberts Wesleyan University (OTD), Rochester, NY</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTD), Newark, NJ</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Southeastern College-Charleston Campus (OTA), North Charleston, SC</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted

<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTD)</b> , Birmingham, AL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>University of Missouri (OTA-B)</b> , Columbia, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>University of Nebraska Medical Center (OTD)</b> , Omaha, NE	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (OTD)</b> , Leavenworth, KS	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison (OTD)</b> , Madison, WI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>West Virginia University (OTD)</b> , Morgantown, WV	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.

*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.

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Binghamton University, State University of New York-Johnson City Campus (OTD)</b> , Binghamton, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Bradley University (OTD)</b> , Peoria, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Indiana University Kokomo (OTA-B)</b> , Kokomo, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Methodist University (OTA-B)</b> , Fayetteville, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Point Loma Nazarene University (OTM)</b> , San Diego, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of South Alabama (OTD)</b> , Mobile, AL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTM)</b> , Irving, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of the Incarnate Word (OTD)</b> , San Antonio, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Utah (OTD)</b> , Salt Lake City, UT	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Utah Tech University (OTD)</b> , St. George, UT	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Westfield State University (OTA-B)</b> , Westfield, MA	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.

*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.

As of May 22, 2023, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 680.

<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	89	166	3	223	481*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	69	13	7	6	95
Applicant	61	23	10	10	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>680</b>

*\*Of the total accredited programs, 10 OTM and 9 OTA programs have Accreditation-Inactive status.*

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).