

## ACOTE® August 2023 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 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>
<b>Abilene Christian University</b> (OTD), Abilene, TX	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
<b>Colorado Mesa University</b> (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
<b>Indiana University South Bend</b> (OTM), Elkhart, IN	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
<b>Southeastern College-Charleston Campus</b> (OTA), North Charleston, SC	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2029/2030
<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham</b> (OTD), Birmingham, AL	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
<b>University of Missouri</b> (OTA-B), Columbia, MO	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>
<b>Bates Technical College</b> (OTA), Tacoma, WA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Columbia University</b> (OTM), New York, NY	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Cuyahoga Community College</b> (OTA), Cleveland, OH	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Delaware Technical Community College, Owens Campus</b> (OTA), Georgetown, DE	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Dominican University of California</b> (OTM), San Rafael, CA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030

<b>Duquesne University</b> (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Elmhurst University</b> (OTM), Elmhurst, IL	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University</b> (OTM), Tallahassee, FL	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Idaho State University</b> (OTM), Pocatello, ID	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>LaGuardia Community College</b> (OTA), Long Island City, NY	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Loma Linda University Health</b> (OTM), Loma Linda, CA	Accreditation- Inactive	3*	2025/2026
<b>Nebraska Methodist College</b> (OTM), Omaha, NE	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Ohio State University</b> (OTD), Columbus, OH	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Panola College</b> (OTA), Carthage, TX	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>Parkland College</b> (OTA), Champaign, IL	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>South Suburban College of Cook County</b> (OTA), South Holland, IL	<a href="#">Continuing Accreditation Probationary</a>	-	2027/2028
<b>St. Catherine University</b> (OTM), St. Paul, MN	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Touro University</b> (OTM), Central Islip, NY - <b>Touro University, Manhattan</b> (OTM), New York, NY	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Trinity Washington University</b> (OTM), Washington, DC	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>University of South Dakota</b> (OTD), Vermillion, SD	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
<b>University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Memphis</b> (OTM), Memphis, TN	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2029/2030
<b>Wor-Wic Community College</b> (OTA), Salisbury, MD	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

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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.

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 or probationary 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.

<b>Final ACOTE decision to change status to or continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction, Progress Report, or Other Report:</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Albany State University (OTA), Albany, GA	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	<a href="#">Continuing Accreditation-Probationary</a>
Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
South University-Columbia, Columbia, SC	<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.*

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Cleveland University-Kansas City (OTA), Overland Park, KS	Accreditation-Inactive
Colorado State University (OTM), Fort Collins, CO (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation-Inactive
Jefferson College-Hillsboro (OTA), Hillsboro, MO	Accreditation-Inactive
Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (OTM), Shreveport, LA (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation-Inactive
Temple University (OTM), Philadelphia, PA (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation-Inactive and 1-year extension of the accreditation term from 2023/2024 to 2024/2025
U. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OTM), Oklahoma City, OK - University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Schusterman Center (OTM), Tulsa (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation-Inactive
Xavier University (OTM), Cincinnati, OH (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	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.*

<b>Final ACOTE decision to grant an accreditation term subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:</b>			
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NEXT ON-SITE</b>
Davenport University (OTM), Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Huntington University (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Campus (OTA), Tupelo, MS	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
James Madison University (OTM), Harrisonburg, VA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Mary Baldwin University (OTD), Fishersville, VA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
McLennan Community College (OTA), Waco, TX	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
San Juan College (OTA), Farmington, NM	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Western Technical College (OTA), LaCrosse, WI	Accreditation	10	2032/2033

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 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
Central Methodist University (OTA), Fayette, MO <i>(Program has completed the transition to the OTA-baccalaureate level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Cleveland State University (OTM), Cleveland, OH <i>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Western University of Health Sciences (OTD), Lebanon, OR	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Creighton University (OTD), Omaha, NE	Approval of increased enrollment for hybrid pathway at Regis University, Denver, CO
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Approval to add an OTA/PTA to OTD bridge program cohort
Radford University (OTM), Radford and Roanoke, VA	Approval to add a hybrid OTA to OTM bridge program cohort
Russell Sage College (OTM), Troy, NY	Approval to add a hybrid cohort
Shenandoah University (OTM), Winchester, VA	Approval of increased enrollment for weekend hybrid cohort
Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (OTA), Herrin, IL	Approval to transition ownership to Shawnee Community College effective July 1, 2024
Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Trevese, PA	Approval to move from the Bucks County Campus to the East Falls Campus

**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
Brookline College-Phoenix Campus (OTA), Phoenix, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Horry-Georgetown Technical College-Grand Strand Campus (OTA), Myrtle Beach, SC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Lincoln Memorial University (OTD), Knoxville, TN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Notre Dame of Maryland University (OTD), Baltimore, MD	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Missouri (OTD), Columbia, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTD), Edinburg, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Wilmington College (OTM), Wilmington, OH	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):**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Alabama State University (OTD), Montgomery, AL	Candidacy Status Deferred
Hanover College (OTD), Hanover, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Hawaii Pacific University-Honolulu (OTD), Honolulu, HI	Candidacy Status Granted

<b>New York University (OTD)</b> , New York, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>North Central College (OTD)</b> , Naperville, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTA-B)</b> , Monroe, LA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of New Hampshire (OTA-B)</b> , Durham, NH	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Utah Tech University (OTD)</b> , St. George, UT	Candidacy Status Deferred

*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 September 5, 2023, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 672.

<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	90	167	4	222	483*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	67	11	7	5	90
Applicant	59	21	9	10	99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>672</b>

*\*Of the total accredited programs, 14 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).