

ACOTE® December 2023 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 2023 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
Brookline College-Phoenix Campus (OTA), Phoenix, AZ	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Cedar Crest College (OTD), Allentown, PA	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2030/2031
Duke University School of Medicine (OTD), Durham, NC	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Elizabethtown College (OTD), Elizabethtown, PA	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2030/2031
Georgia State University (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Horry-Georgetown Technical College-Grand Strand Campus (OTA), Myrtle Beach, SC	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Howard University (OTD), Washington, DC	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Lincoln Memorial University (OTD), Knoxville, TN	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Monmouth University (OTD), West Long Branch, NJ	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2030/2031
Roberts Wesleyan University (OTD), Rochester, NY	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTD), Newark, NJ	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
Stanbridge University-Riverside (OTM), Riverside, CA <i>(Additional location of Stanbridge University, Irvine, CA)</i>	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	7	2031/2032
University of Nebraska Medical Center (OTD), Omaha, NE	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (OTD), Leavenworth, KS	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
University of Wisconsin-Madison (OTD), Madison, WI	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
West Virginia University (OTD), Morgantown, WV	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Wilmington College (OTM), Wilmington, OH	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
<p><u>Accreditation granted following an initial on-site evaluation:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Accreditation with Conditions granted following an initial on-site evaluation:</u> 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 substantial compliance 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.</p> <p>At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:</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><u>Accreditation Deferred following an initial on-site evaluation:</u> 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.</p>			

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Fox Valley Technical College (OTA), Appleton, WI	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Jamestown Community College (OTA), Jamestown, NY	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2030/2031
Madison Area Technical College (OTA), Madison, WI	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Maryville University (OTM), St. Louis, MO	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Orange County Community College (OTA), Middletown, NY	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2028/2029
Pennsylvania State University-DuBois Campus (OTA), DuBois, PA	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2030/2031
Pueblo Community College (OTA), Pueblo, CO	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2030/2031
Shenandoah University (OTM), Winchester, VA	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
University of Indianapolis (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2030/2031
University of Scranton (OTM), Scranton, PA	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2030/2031
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTD), Austin, TX	Accreditation	10	2033/2034

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Continuing Accreditation with Warning granted following a reaccreditation 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.

Final ACOTE decision to change status to or continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction, Progress Report, or Other Report:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Albany State University (OTA), Albany, GA	Probationary Accreditation
Bristol Community College (OTA), New Bedford, MA	Probationary Accreditation
Bryant & Stratton College-Solon Campus (OTA), Solon, OH	Probationary Accreditation
Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, FL	Probationary Accreditation

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	Continuing Accreditation-Probationary
Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY	Probationary Accreditation
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Probationary Accreditation
South Suburban College of Cook County (OTA), South Holland, IL	Continuing Accreditation Probationary
South University-Columbia , Columbia, SC	Probationary Accreditation
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 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
Jackson State Community College (OTA), Jackson, TN	Accreditation-Inactive and 2-year extension of the accreditation term from 2023/2024 to 2025/2026
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive
University of Southern California (OTM), Los Angeles, CA (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.*

Final ACOTE decision to grant an accreditation term subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Bates Technical College (OTA), Tacoma, WA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Duquesne University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
St. Catherine University (OTM), St. Paul, MN	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
Touro University (OTM), Central Islip, NY and additional location at Touro University, Manhattan , New York, NY	Accreditation	10	2032/2033
University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTD), Birmingham, AL	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (OTD), Lewiston, ME	Accreditation	5	2027/2028

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
Cayuga Community College-Fulton Campus (OTA), Fulton, NY	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Emory and Henry College-Marion Campus (OTM), Marion, VA <i>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Georgia State University (OTM), Atlanta, GA <i>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Newman University (OTA), Wichita, KS	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Western Michigan University (OTM), Kalamazoo and additional location at Western Michigan University-Grand Rapids Campus , Grand Rapids, MI <i>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level)</i>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
California State University, Dominguez Hills (OTD), Carson, CA	Approval to increase enrollment
Chatham University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Approval to increase enrollment, add an additional cohort for an OTA-to-OTD distance learning track, and reduce program length
Indiana Wesleyan University (OTA), Greenwood, IN	Approval to modify the curriculum
Joyce University of Nursing and Health Sciences (OTA), Draper, UT	Approval to increase enrollment and modify the curriculum delivery model
Kent State University at Ashtabula (OTA), Ashtabula, OH and additional location at Kent State University at East Liverpool , East Liverpool, OH	Approval to combine the separately accredited OTA programs at Kent State University at Ashtabula and East Liverpool to one program with the primary campus at Ashtabula and an additional location at East Liverpool
Madison Area Technical College (OTA), Madison, WI	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model
Shawnee State University (OTM), Portsmouth, OH	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model
St. Ambrose University (OTD), Davenport, IA	Approval to increase enrollment, modify the curriculum delivery model, and expand campus facilities

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Bond University (OTD), Robina, Queensland, Australia	Preaccreditation Status Granted
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Carlow University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Eastern Kentucky University (OTD), Richmond, KY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Middle Georgia State University (OTM), Cochran, GA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Hartford (OTM), West Hartford, CT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence/Baylor University (OTD), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Western Michigan University (OTA-B), Kalamazoo, MI	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 decisions subsequent to 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 Granted
CBD College (OTM), Los Angeles, CA	Candidacy Status Deferred
Harcum College-Lehigh County (OTA), Bryn Mawr, PA <i>(Additional location of Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA)</i>	Candidacy Status Deferred
Harding University (OTM), Searcy, AR	Candidacy Status Granted
Hawaii Pacific University-Las Vegas (OTD), Las Vegas, NV	Candidacy Status Granted

King's College (OTD), Wilkes-Barre, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (OTM), Provo, UT	Candidacy Status Granted
Stony Brook University (OTD), Stony Brook, NY and additional location at Stony Brook University-Southampton , Southampton, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
University of North Carolina at Pembroke (OTM), Pembroke, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Southern Maine (OTA-B), Portland, ME	Candidacy Status Granted
Utah Tech University (OTD), St. George, UT	Candidacy Status Granted
Wagner College (OTD), Staten Island, NY	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>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></p>	

As of January 2, 2024, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 679.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA Baccalaureate	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited	90	167	4	221	482*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	77	14	10	5	106
Applicant	53	20	7	11	91
TOTAL	220	201	21	237	679

**Of the total accredited programs, 12 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) or from accreditation staff at accred@aota.org.