

## ACOTE® March 2024 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in March 2024 and took the following accreditation actions:

| <b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:</b>   |  |             |                     |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>  | <b>DECISION</b>                                | <b>TERM</b> | <b>NEXT ON-SITE</b> |
| <b>Bond University (OTD)</b> , Robina, QLD  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Bond University (OTM)</b> , Robina, QLD  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Carlow University (OTM)</b> , Pittsburgh, PA   | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Eastern Kentucky University (OTD)</b> , Richmond, KY   | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Middle Georgia State University (OTM)</b> , Cochran, GA  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Notre Dame of Maryland University (OTD)</b> , Baltimore, MD  | Accreditation<br>Deferred;<br>Preaccreditation | N/A         | N/A                 |
| <b>University of Hartford (OTM)</b> , West Hartford, CT   | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>University of Missouri (OTD)</b> , Columbia, MO  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTD)</b> , Edinburg, TX   | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence/Baylor University (OTD)</b> , Fort Sam Houston, TX  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Western Michigan University (OTA-B)</b> , Kalamazoo, MI  | Accreditation                                  | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <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>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 reaccreditation on-site evaluation:</b> |   |             |                     |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>   | <b>DECISION</b>                             | <b>TERM</b> | <b>NEXT ON-SITE</b> |
| <b>Baptist Health College Little Rock (OTA)</b> , Little Rock, AR                | Accreditation                               | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Brunel University London (OTM)</b> , Uxbridge, UK                             | Accreditation<br>with Conditions            | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Keiser University-Daytona Beach (OTA)</b> , Daytona Beach, FL                 | Accreditation<br>Continuing with<br>Warning | -           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTA)</b> , Jacksonville, FL                   | Accreditation                               | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Keiser University-Tampa (OTA)</b> , Tampa, FL                                 | Accreditation                               | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA)</b> , Houston, TX                        | Accreditation<br>Continuing with<br>Warning | -           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Roane State Community College (OTA)</b> , Oak Ridge, TN                       | Accreditation                               | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Rockland Community College (OTA)</b> , Suffern, NY                            | Accreditation<br>with Conditions            | 10          | 2033/2034           |

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| <b>Samuel Merritt University (OTD), Oakland, CA</b>    | Accreditation Continuing with Warning | -  | 2028/2029 |
| <b>South Texas College (OTA), McAllen, TX</b>          | Accreditation                         | 10 | 2033/2034 |
| <b>South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA</b> | Accreditation Continuing with Warning | -  | 2030/2031 |

Accreditation granted following a reaccreditation 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.

Accreditation with Conditions granted following a reaccreditation 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 **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.

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:**

| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>                                    | <b>DECISION</b>                                       |
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| <b>Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ</b>                             | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY</b>                | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL</b>               | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL</b>                   | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY</b>                                | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC</b> | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>Ross College in Hopkinsville (OTA), Hopkinsville, KY</b>           | <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>            |
| <b>South Suburban College of Cook County (OTA), South Holland, IL</b> | <a href="#">Continuing Accreditation Probationary</a> |
| <b>Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC</b>       | <a href="#">Continuing Accreditation Probationary</a> |
| <b>Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Philadelphia, PA</b>            | <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 to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:</b>   |   |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>  | <b>DECISION</b>   |
| <b>Bristol Community College</b> (OTA), New Bedford, MA   | Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation) |
| <b>Bryant &amp; Stratton College-Solon Campus</b> (OTA), Solon, OH  | Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation) |
| <i>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.</i> |   |

| <b>Final ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay the site visit:</b>                    |  |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>  | <b>DECISION</b>  |
| <b>University of Southern California</b> (OTM), Los Angeles, CA<br>(Program currently on Inactive Status) | 2-year extension of the accreditation term from 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 |

| <b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:</b>  |   |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>   | <b>DECISION</b>   |
| <b>Stony Brook University</b> (OTM), Stony Brook, NY and<br>- <b>Stony Brook University-Southampton</b> (OTM), Southampton, NY<br>(Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)   | Accreditation-Inactive  |
| <b>University of Texas at El Paso</b> (OTM), El Paso, TX<br>(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 |
| <i>Inactive Status: Inactive status is a special status applied only to programs that are <b>not currently enrolling new students</b> 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.</i> |   |

| <b>Final ACOTE decision to grant an accreditation term subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:</b>   |                               |             |                     |
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| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>  | <b>DECISION</b>               | <b>TERM</b> | <b>NEXT ON-SITE</b> |
| <b>Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell</b> (OTA), Roswell, NM<br>(Changed from Continuing Accreditation-Probationary)   | Accreditation                 | 3           | 2026/2027           |
| <b>Indian Hills Community College</b> (OTA), Ottumwa, IA  | Accreditation                 | 5           | 2028/2029           |
| <b>Madisonville Community College</b> (OTA), Madisonville, KY   | Accreditation                 | 4           | 2027/2028           |
| <b>Pennsylvania State University-DuBois Campus</b> (OTA), DuBois, PA  | Accreditation                 | 10          | 2033/2034           |
| <b>Pueblo Community College</b> (OTA), Pueblo, CO   | Accreditation                 | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>Regis College</b> (OTM), Weston, MA  | Accreditation                 | 6           | 2029/2030           |
| <b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</b> (OTD), Newark, NJ  | Accreditation with Conditions | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>St. Catherine University</b> (OTA), St. Paul, MN   | Accreditation                 | 6           | 2029/2030           |
| <b>Stanbridge University</b> (OTM), Irvine, CA<br>- <b>Stanbridge University-Riverside</b> , Riverside, CA  | Accreditation                 | 10          | 2031/2032           |
| <b>University of Charleston-Beckley</b> (OTA), Beckley, WV<br>- <b>University of Charleston-Charleston</b> , Charleston, WV   | Accreditation                 | 3           | 2026/2027           |
| <b>University of Nebraska Medical Center</b> (OTD), Omaha, NE   | Accreditation                 | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <b>University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth</b> (OTD), Leavenworth, KS  | Accreditation with Conditions | 7           | 2030/2031           |
| <i>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.</i> |                               |             |                     |

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                          |
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| Jefferson College-Hillsboro (OTA), Hillsboro, MO   | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL   | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |
| University of Illinois Chicago (OTM), Chicago, IL<br>(Program is transitioning to the OTD level) | Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary |

**Final ACOTE decision to change the program's status to Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary due to closure of the institution:**

| PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE                               | DECISION                            |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| South University-Columbia (OTA), Columbia, South Carolina | Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary |
| Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, Florida | Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary |

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

| PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE   | DECISION   |
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| Briar Cliff University (OTD), Sioux City, IA                          | Approval to relocate to the Mayfair Campus at 4280 Sergeant Road, Suite 100, Sioux City, IA 51106, beginning August 2024                                       |
| Brookline College-Albuquerque Campus (OTA), Albuquerque, NM           | Approval to relocate to 303 Roma Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87102, effective March 2024  |
| Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI       | Approval to increase enrollment due to the expansion of the hybrid delivery model to the Solon, Ohio and Greece, New York locations, beginning September 2024. |
| Quinnipiac University (OTM), Hamden, CT                               | Approval of an additional cohort at the postbaccalaureate point of entry effective fall 2024   |
| University of New Haven (OTD), West Haven, CT                         | Approval to modify the curriculum  |
| University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences Campus (OTM), San Juan, PR | Approval to increase enrollment for 3 academic years (2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027) and modify the curriculum   |
| Western New England University (OTD), Springfield, MA                 | Approval to add an additional distance education cohort  |

**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                         |
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| Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (OTD), Fort Smith, AR        | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Carlow University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA                            | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Colorado State University (OTD), Fort Collins, CO                  | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Concordia University Ann Arbor (OTD), Ann Arbor, MI                | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| DePaul University (OTM), Chicago, IL                               | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| East Tennessee State University (OTD), Johnson City, TN            | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Faulkner University (OTD), Montgomery, AL                          | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| George Washington University (OTD), Washington, DC                 | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Loma Linda University Health (OTD), Loma Linda, CA                 | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (OTD), Shreveport, LA | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |

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| <b>Minnesota West Community &amp; Technical College-Worthington Campus</b> (OTA), Worthington, MN  | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>Misericordia University</b> (OTD), Dallas, PA   | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>Northern Kentucky University</b> (OTD), Highland Heights, KY  | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>Nova Southeastern University-Ft. Lauderdale</b> (OTD), Ft. Lauderdale, FL   | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>Southern California University of Health Sciences</b> (OTD), Whittier, CA   | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</b> (OTD), Carbondale, IL   | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| <b>Springfield College</b> (OTD), Springfield, MA  | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| <b>Temple University</b> (OTD), Philadelphia, PA   | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>University of Illinois Chicago</b> (OTD), Chicago, IL   | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center</b> (OTD), Oklahoma City, OK<br>- <b>University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Schusterman Center</b> , Tulsa, OK | Preaccreditation Status Granted  |
| <b>University of Vermont</b> (OTD), Burlington, VT   | Preaccreditation Status Deferred |
| <b>Whitworth University</b> (OTD), Spokane, WA   | 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.

**Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):**

| <b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>   | <b>DECISION</b>           |
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| <b>Appalachian State University</b> (OTM), Boone, NC   | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Cabarrus College of Health Sciences</b> (OTA-B), Concord, NC  | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>CBD College</b> (OTM), Los Angeles, CA  | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Francis Marion University</b> (OTD), Florence, SC   | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Gannon University</b> (OTD), Erie, PA   | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>George Fox University</b> (OTD), Newberg, OR  | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Harcum College-Lehigh County</b> (OTA), Bryn Mawr, PA<br>(Additional location of Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA) | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Keiser University-Jacksonville</b> (OTM), Jacksonville, FL  | Candidacy Status Deferred |
| <b>Missouri State University</b> (OTD), Springfield, MO  | Candidacy Status Deferred |
| <b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</b> (OTA-B), Piscataway, NJ   | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Union College</b> (OTM), Lincoln, NE  | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>University of Montana</b> (OTD), Missoula, MT   | Candidacy Status Granted  |
| <b>Western Oregon University</b> (OTD), Monmouth, OR   | 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 April 23, 2024, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 670.

| <b>Program Status</b>            | <b>OT<br/>Doctoral</b> | <b>OT<br/>Master's</b> | <b>OTA<br/>Baccalaureate</b> | <b>OTA<br/>Associate</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Accredited                       | 110                    | 168                    | 5                            | 219                      | 502*         |
| Candidate or<br>Preaccreditation | 57                     | 9                      | 9                            | 3                        | 78           |
| Applicant                        | 53                     | 20                     | 7                            | 10                       | 90           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>220</b>             | <b>197</b>             | <b>21</b>                    | <b>232</b>               | <b>670</b>   |

\*Of the total accredited programs, 14 OTM and 6 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).