

ACOTE® March 2024 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in March 2024 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
Bond University (OTD), Robina, QLD	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Bond University (OTM), Robina, QLD	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Carlow University (OTM), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Eastern Kentucky University (OTD), Richmond, KY	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Middle Georgia State University (OTM), Cochran, GA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Notre Dame of Maryland University (OTD), Baltimore, MD	Accreditation Deferred; Preaccreditation	N/A	N/A
University of Hartford (OTM), West Hartford, CT	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
University of Missouri (OTD), Columbia, MO	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTD), Edinburg, TX	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence/Baylor University (OTD), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Western Michigan University (OTA-B), Kalamazoo, MI	Accreditation	7	2030/2031

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.

At the time of ACOTE action to grant Accreditation, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:

- 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.

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.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Baptist Health College Little Rock (OTA), Little Rock, AR	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Brunel University London (OTM), Uxbridge, UK	Accreditation with Conditions	10	2033/2034
Keiser University-Daytona Beach (OTA), Daytona Beach, FL	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, FL	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Keiser University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Roane State Community College (OTA), Oak Ridge, TN	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Rockland Community College (OTA), Suffern, NY	Accreditation with Conditions	10	2033/2034

Samuel Merritt University (OTD), Oakland, CA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
South Texas College (OTA), McAllen, TX	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	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:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Probationary Accreditation
Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY	Probationary Accreditation
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY	Probationary Accreditation
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Probationary Accreditation
Ross College in Hopkinsville (OTA), Hopkinsville, KY	Probationary Accreditation
South Suburban College of Cook County (OTA), South Holland, IL	Continuing Accreditation Probationary
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Continuing Accreditation Probationary
Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Philadelphia, PA	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 to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Bristol Community College (OTA) , New Bedford, MA	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Bryant & Stratton College-Solon Campus (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>	

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

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Stony Brook University (OTM) , Stony Brook, NY and - Stony Brook University-Southampton (OTM) , Southampton, NY (Program in the process of transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation-Inactive
University of Texas at El Paso (OTM) , El Paso, TX (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 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.</i>	

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
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA) , Roswell, NM (Changed from Continuing Accreditation-Probationary)	Accreditation	3	2026/2027
Indian Hills Community College (OTA) , Ottumwa, IA	Accreditation	5	2028/2029
Madisonville Community College (OTA) , Madisonville, KY	Accreditation	4	2027/2028
Pennsylvania State University-DuBois Campus (OTA) , DuBois, PA	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Pueblo Community College (OTA) , Pueblo, CO	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Regis College (OTM) , Weston, MA	Accreditation	6	2029/2030
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTD) , Newark, NJ	Accreditation with Conditions	7	2030/2031
St. Catherine University (OTA) , St. Paul, MN	Accreditation	6	2029/2030
Stanbridge University (OTM) , Irvine, CA - Stanbridge University-Riverside , Riverside, CA	Accreditation	10	2031/2032
University of Charleston-Beckley (OTA) , Beckley, WV - University of Charleston-Charleston , Charleston, WV	Accreditation	3	2026/2027
University of Nebraska Medical Center (OTD) , Omaha, NE	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (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
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 (Program is transitioning to the OTD level)	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
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
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
Minnesota West Community & Technical College-Worthington Campus (OTA), Worthington, MN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Misericordia University (OTD), Dallas, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Northern Kentucky University (OTD), Highland Heights, KY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Nova Southeastern University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTD), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Southern California University of Health Sciences (OTD), Whittier, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Springfield College (OTD), Springfield, MA	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Temple University (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Illinois Chicago (OTD), Chicago, IL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OTD), Oklahoma City, OK - University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Schusterman Center , Tulsa, OK	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Vermont (OTD), Burlington, VT	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Whitworth University (OTD), Spokane, WA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<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>	
<i>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.</i>	

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Appalachian State University (OTM), Boone, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTA-B), Concord, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
CBD College (OTM), Los Angeles, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Francis Marion University (OTD), Florence, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
Gannon University (OTD), Erie, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
George Fox University (OTD), Newberg, OR	Candidacy Status Granted
Harcum College-Lehigh County (OTA), Bryn Mawr, PA (Additional location of Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA)	Candidacy Status Granted
Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTM), Jacksonville, FL	Candidacy Status Deferred
Missouri State University (OTD), Springfield, MO	Candidacy Status Deferred
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA-B), Piscataway, NJ	Candidacy Status Granted
Union College (OTM), Lincoln, NE	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Montana (OTD), Missoula, MT	Candidacy Status Granted
Western Oregon University (OTD), Monmouth, OR	Candidacy Status Granted
<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>	
<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>	

As of April 23, 2024, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 670.

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

**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) or from accreditation staff at accred@aota.org.