



ACOTE® August 2024 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 2024 and took the following accreditation actions. A [glossary](#) is provided at the end of this document for reference.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
DePaul University (OTM), Chicago, IL	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Minnesota West Community & Technical College -Worthington Campus (OTA), Worthington, MN	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Notre Dame of Maryland University (OTD), Baltimore, MD	Accreditation	5	2028/2029
Stanbridge University-Los Angeles (OTM), Alhambra, CA <i>(additional location of Stanbridge University, Irvine, CA)</i>	Accreditation	Term of main campus	2031/2032
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Allen College (OTM), Waterloo, IA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Barry University (OTM), Miami Shores, FL	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Brenau University (OTM), Gainesville and Atlanta, GA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Brenau University, North Atlanta-Norcross Campus (OTM), Norcross, GA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Bryant & Stratton College-Greece Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Bryant & Stratton College-Solon Campus (OTA), Solon, OH	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Carroll University (OTM), Waukesha, WI	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Accreditation	10	2033/2034

Community College of Baltimore County at Catonsville (OTA), Catonsville, MD	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Elizabethtown College (OTM), Elizabethtown, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Fox College (OTA), Tinley Park, IL	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Grand Rapids Community College (OTA), Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Kean University (OTM), Hillside, NJ	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive	-	2028/2029 (pending)
Kirkwood Community College-Linn County Regional Center (OTA), Hiawatha, IA	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Le Moyne College (OTM), Syracuse, NY	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Lone Star College-Kingwood (OTA), Kingwood, TX	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
MGH Institute of Health Professions (OTD), Boston, MA	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Missouri State University (OTM), Springfield, MO	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Northwood Technical College-Ashland Campus (OTA), Ashland, WI	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Notre Dame of Maryland University (OTD), Baltimore, MD	Accreditation	-	2028/2029
Ozarks Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, MO	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Pima Medical Institute-Las Vegas (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Rhodes State College (OTA), Lima, OH	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
South University-Virginia Beach (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA	Continuing Accreditation-Inactive	-	2028/2029 (pending)
Community College of Allegheny County/Boyce Campus (OTA), Monroeville, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031

Community College of Rhode Island (OTA), Newport, RI	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Pennsylvania State University-Berks Campus (OTA), Reading, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Pennsylvania State University-Mont Alto Campus (OTA), Mont Alto, PA	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2028/2029
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (OTD), Chattanooga, TN	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Tulsa Community College, Metro Campus (OTA), Tulsa, OK	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Walsh University (OTM), North Canton, OH	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Wayne State University (OTM), Detroit, MI	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
West Virginia University (OTM), Morgantown, WV	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Wright College (OTA), Chicago, IL	Accreditation Continuing with Warning	-	2030/2031
Final ACOTE decision to change status to or continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction, Progress Report, or Other Report:			
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PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Albany State University (OTA), Albany, GA	Probationary Accreditation		
Colorado Mesa University (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Probationary Accreditation		
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Probationary Accreditation		
Erie Community College (OTA), Williamsville, NY	Probationary Accreditation		
Indiana University South Bend (OTM), Elkhart, IN	Probationary Accreditation		
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Probationary Accreditation		
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	Probationary Accreditation		
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
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		
Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Philadelphia, PA	Probationary Accreditation		
Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	Probationary Accreditation		
Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Southeastern College-Columbia Campus (OTA), Columbia, SC	Accreditation		
Final ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay the site visit:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Keuka College (OTM), Keuka Park, NY	1-year extension of the accreditation term from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026		
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Joyce University of Nursing and Health Sciences (OTA), Draper, UT	Accreditation-Inactive and approved for 1-year extension from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.		
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA), Piscataway, NJ	Accreditation-Inactive and approved for 1-year extension from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.		
Thomas Jefferson University-Center City Campus (OTM), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation-Inactive		
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
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Dominican University of California (OTM), San Rafael, CA	Accreditation	9	2032/2033
U. of Indianapolis (OTM), Indianapolis, IN	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
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		
Cleveland University-Kansas City (OTA), Overland Park, KS	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
College of Saint Mary (OTM), Omaha, NE	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		
Jackson State Community College (OTA), Jackson, TN	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary		

Nova Southeastern University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Radford University Carilion (OTA), Roanoke, VA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Schusterman Center (Add'l Location) (OTM) - Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Webber International University at St. Andrews (OTA-B), Laurinburg, NC	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary
West Coast University-Dallas (OTM), Richardson, TX	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Approval to modify program length
Clovis Community College-Herndon Campus (OTA), Clovis, CA	Approval of facility move to Clovis Community College - Willow/International Location
Emory and Henry College-Marion Campus (OTA), Marion, VA	Approval of hybrid program option
Grossmont College (OTA), El Cajon, CA	Approval to modify curriculum
Houston Community College (OTA), Houston, TX	Approval of an additional cohort
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Deferred addition of an off-campus lab
Medical University of South Carolina (OTD), Charleston, SC	Approval of an additional cohort
Murray State College (OTA), Tishomingo, OK	Approval of a part-time track
Nebraska Methodist College (OTM), Omaha, NE	Approval of change in admission requirements
New York Institute of Technology (OTD), Old Westbury, NY	Approval to modify curriculum
New York Institute of Technology (OTM), Old Westbury, NY	Approval to modify curriculum
River Valley Community College (OTA) - Claremont, NH	Approval to modify curriculum
South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL	Deferred transition to distance education
Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM), Knoxville, TN	Deferred facility move to 9845 Cogdill Road, Knoxville, TN 37932
University of Indianapolis (OTM), Indianapolis, IN	Approval of a new track
University of South Dakota (OTD), Vermillion, SD	Approval to modify curriculum
Western Technical College (OTA), LaCrosse, WI	Approval of course delivery model change

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
Brookline College-Albuquerque Campus (OTA), Albuquerque, NM	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus (OTD), Florham Park, NJ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Faulkner University (OTD), Montgomery, AL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Indiana University Kokomo (OTA-B), Kokomo, IN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Springfield College (OTD), Springfield, MA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Southern California (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences- Dallas Campus	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
University of Texas at El Paso (OTD), El Paso, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Vermont (OTD), Burlington, VT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Grand Canyon University (OTM), Phoenix, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
Grand Canyon University (OTA-B), Phoenix, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
Keiser University-Jacksonville (OTM), Jacksonville, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
Missouri State University (OTD), Springfield, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
Southern California University of Health Sciences-Arizona (OTD), AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
Southern Connecticut State University (OTM), New Haven, CT	Candidacy Status Granted
Tarleton State University (OTD), Stephenville, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Mary (OTM), Bismarck, ND	Candidacy Status Granted
Washington State College of Ohio (OTA), Marietta, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
Wayne State University (OTD), Detroit, MI	Candidacy Status Granted

Glossary:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Grant an Accreditation Term: 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.

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 August 4, 2024, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 674.

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	110	166	5	217	498*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	65	14	11	3	93
Applicant	51	16	5	11	83
Total	226	196	21	231	674

*Of the total Accredited programs, 16 OTM and 10 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.