



ACOTE® December 2024 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 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
Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (OTD), Fort Smith, AR	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Brookline College-Albuquerque Campus (OTA), Albuquerque, NM	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Carlow University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Colorado State University (OTD), Fort Collins, CO	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Concordia University Ann Arbor (OTD), Ann Arbor, MI	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
East Tennessee State University (OTD), Johnson City, TN	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus (OTD), Madison, NJ	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Faulkner University (OTD), Montgomery, AL	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
George Washington University (OTD), Washington, DC	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Loma Linda University Health (OTD), Loma Linda, CA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (OTD), Shreveport, LA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Misericordia University (OTD), Dallas, PA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Northern Kentucky University (OTD), Highland Heights, KY	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Nova Southeastern University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTD), Fort Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Southern California University of Health Sciences (OTD), Whittier, CA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Defer Accreditation Status and Remain Preaccreditation	-	-
Springfield College (OTD), Springfield, MA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Temple University (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation (cont.):			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
University of Illinois Chicago (OTD), Chicago, IL	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OTD), Oklahoma City, OK	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of Southern California (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
University of Vermont (OTD), Burlington, VT	Accreditation	7	2031/2032
Whitworth University (OTD), Spokane, WA	Defer Accreditation Status and Remain Preaccreditation	-	-
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus (OTA), Ozark, AR	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031/2032
Eastern Washington University (OTM), Cheney, WA	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Kettering College (OTD), Kettering, OH	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Murray State University- Paducah Regional Campus (OTM), Paducah, KY	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Saint Francis University (OTM), Loretto, PA	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Saint Joseph's University (OTM), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	10	2034/2035
Stark State College (OTA), North Canton, OH	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031/2032
Thomas Jefferson University-Center City Campus (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031/2032

Final ACOTE decision to change status to or continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to review of a Plan of Correction, Progress Report, or Other Report:

Links to Disclosure Statements:
[Probationary Accreditation](#)
[Probationary Accreditation-Inactive](#)

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Concorde Career Institute- Miramar (OTA), Miramar, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Probationary Accreditation -Inactive
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
University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (OTD), Leavenworth, KS	Continuing Accreditation-Probationary
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTD), Newark, NJ	Continuing Accreditation-Probationary

Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Colorado Mesa University (OTM), Grand Junction, CO	Accreditation
South Suburban College of Cook County (OTA), South Holland, IL	Accreditation

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Baker College of Owosso (OTA), Owosso, MI	Accreditation-Inactive
Bryant & Stratton College-Greece Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY	Accreditation-Inactive
Indiana Wesleyan University (OTA), Greenwood, IN	Accreditation-Inactive

Final ACOTE decision for Accreditation-Reactivating:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Loma Linda University (OTM), Loma Linda, California	Defer Accreditation-Reactivation Status (retain Accreditation-Inactive)		
Final ACOTE decision for Delay of On-Site Requests:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA), Asheville, NC	Approve to delay the on-site evaluation to 2025/2026		
Lackawanna College (OTA), Scranton, PA	Approval to delay the on-site evaluation to 2028/2029		
Medical Education and Training Campus/Uniformed Services University (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Approval to delay the on-site evaluation to 2025/2026		
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
Brenau University (OTM), Gainesville, GA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Bryant & Stratton College-Solon Campus (OTA), Solon, OH	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Delaware Technical Community College, Owens Campus (OTA), Georgetown, DE	Accreditation	7	2029/2030
Elizabethtown College (OTM), Elizabethtown, PA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Grand Rapids Community College (OTA), Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Pima Medical Institute-Las Vegas (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Accreditation	10	2033/2034
Samuel Merritt University (OTD), Oakland, CA	Accreditation	5	2028/2029
Tulsa Community College, Metro Campus (OTA)	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
University of Charleston-Beckley (OTA), Beckley, WV	Accreditation	5	2026/2027
Weatherford College (OTA), Weatherford, TX	Accreditation	7	2028/2029

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
South University-Virginia Beach (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Tufts University (OTM), Medford, MA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of Cincinnati (OTM), Cincinnati, OH	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Final ACOTE decision for Accreditation Status Withdrawn-Involuntary:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Albany State University (OTA), Albany, GA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary effective December 31, 2024
South University-Columbia (OTA), Columbia, SC	Accreditation-Withdrawn Involuntary effective December 6, 2024
Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	Accreditation-Withdrawn Involuntary effective December 31, 2024
Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Abilene Christian University (OTD), Abilene, TX	Approval of increased cohort size
Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Approval of program length
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Approval of admission requirement
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Approval of increased cohort size
Kennebec Valley Community College (OTA), Fairfield, ME	Approval of the admission of students into the hybrid model and relocation to the Alford Campus in Hinckley, Maine
Kent State University at Ashtabula (OTA), Ashtabula, OH	Approval of the flexible part-time track at East Liverpool campus
Missouri Health Professions Consortium (OTA), Sedalia, MO	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for new lab and offices
Monmouth University (OTD), West Long Branch, NJ	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for the addition of a specialized cohort
Oklahoma City Community College (OTA), Oklahoma City, OK	Approval of curriculum and program revision
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (OTM), Yakima, WA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for the inclusion of a MSOT Part-time Track Option
Slippery Rock University (OTD), Slippery Rock, PA	Approval of program curriculum re-design
South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, FL	Approval of transition to over 25% distance education courses
St. Catherine University (OTA), St Paul, MN	Approval of institutional academic calendar change

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change (cont.):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM), Knoxville, TN	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for facility relocation
Touro University (OTM), Henderson, NV	Approval to offer up to 49% of the curriculum via distance education
Union Adventist University (OTA), Lincoln, NE	Approval of curriculum sequence revisions
University of Missouri (OTA-B), Columbia, MO	Approval of adding an alternative delivery model
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTD), Austin, TX	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to update OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTM), Austin, TX	Approval of updated MOT curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTM), San Marcos, CA	Approval of updated MOT curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTD), San Marcos, CA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTM), San Marcos, CA	Approval of updated MOT curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTD), Irving, TX	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTD), Coral Gables, FL	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTM), Coral Gables, FL	Approval of updated MOT curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTD curriculum Approval of move to new campus location at 1 News Place, St. Augustine, FL 32086
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTM), St. Augustine, FL	Approval of updated OTM curriculum and move to new campus location at 1 News Place, St. Augustine, FL 32086
Western New England University (OTD), Springfield, MA	Approval of the addition of an extended 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
Brookline College-Tucson Campus (OTA), Tucson, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
California State University, Dominguez Hills (OTD), Carson, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Hanover College (OTD), Hanover, IN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Hawaii Pacific University-Honolulu (OTD), Honolulu, HI	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Keck Graduate Institute (OTD), Claremont, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (OTM), Yakima, WA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Cincinnati (OTD), Cincinnati, OH	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of South Alabama (OTD), Mobile, AL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences- Dallas Campus (OTM), Irving, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Utica University (OTD), Utica, NY	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Webber International University (OTA-B), Babson Park, FL	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):	
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Alliant International University (OTM), San Diego, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Biola University (OTM), La Mirada, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Bowling Green State University (OTD), Bowling Green, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
Edgewood College (OTD), Madison, WI	Candidacy Status Granted
Rochester Institute of Technology (OTD), Rochester, NY	Provisional Candidacy Status Granted
South College-Atlanta Campus (OTD), Atlanta, GA	Candidacy Status Granted
South College-Knoxville Main Campus (OTD), Knoxville, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
Touro University (OTD), Central Islip and Manhattan, NY	Provisional Candidacy Status Granted
Trine University-Fort Wayne (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTD), Monroe, LA	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Texas Medical Branch (OTD), Laredo, TX <i>(Additional location of University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX)</i>	Grant Candidacy Status
Walsh University (OTD), North Canton, OH	Candidacy Status Deferred

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.

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.

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.

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.

Accreditation-Reactivating 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. The program's status remains Accreditation-Inactive. The program may not admit students until Accreditation-Reactivating Status is granted.

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 December 6, 2024, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 681.

Numbers of Programs in the Accreditation Process:

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	110	168	5	219	502*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	62	12	11	3	88
Applicant	54	19	6	12	92
Total	226	199	22	234	681

*Of the total Accredited programs, 14 OTM and 7 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.