



## ACOTE® April 2025 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2025 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
Indiana University Kokomo (OTA-B), Kokomo, IN	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Keck Graduate Institute (OTD), Claremont, CA	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (OTM), Yakima, WA	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (OTD), Carbondale, IL	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTM), Irving, TX	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
University of Texas at El Paso (OTD), El Paso, TX	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Utica University (OTD), Utica, NY	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Webber International University (OTA-B), Babson Park, FL	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Whitworth University (OTD), Spokane, Washington	Accreditation	7	2031-2032
Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Bristol Community College-New Bedford Campus (OTA), New Bedford, MA	Accreditation	10	2034-2035
Cape Fear Community College (OTA), Wilmington, NC	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031-2032
Dallas College Mountain View Campus (OTA), Dallas, TX	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031-2032
Gannon University-Florida Campus (OTD), Ruskin, FL	Accreditation	10	2034-2035
Jefferson Community and Technical College (OTA), Louisville, KY	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2029-2030
Midwestern University-Glendale Campus (OTM), Glendale, AZ	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031-2032

Neosho County Community College-Ottawa Campus (OTA), Ottawa, KS	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031-2032
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Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a reaccreditation on-site evaluation (cont.):			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
St. Philip's College (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Continuing Accreditation with Warning	-	2031-2032
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTM), San Marcos, CA	Accreditation	10	2034-2035
Washington University (OTM), St. Louis, MO	Accreditation	10	2034-2035
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: <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a> <a href="#">Probationary Accreditation-Inactive</a>			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION		
Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Goodwin University (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Probationary Accreditation		
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Probationary Accreditation		
Indiana University South Bend (OTM), Elkhart, IN	Probationary Accreditation		
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Keiser University-Orlando (OTA), Orlando, FL	Probationary Accreditation-Inactive		
Maria College (OTA), Albany, NY	Probationary Accreditation		
Mercy University (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, NY	Probationary Accreditation		
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Probationary Accreditation		
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Probationary Accreditation		
Ross College in Hopkinsville (OTA), Hopkinsville, KY	Probationary Accreditation		
Thomas Jefferson University (OTA), Philadelphia, PA	Probationary Accreditation		
University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth (OTD), Leavenworth, KS	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		
Keiser University-Melbourne (OTA), Melbourne, FL	Accreditation		
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTD), New Brunswick, NJ	Accreditation		

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE		DECISION	
Bryant & Stratton College-Solon Campus (OTA), Solon, OH		Accreditation-Inactive	
Keiser University-Ft. Lauderdale (OTA), Ft. Lauderdale, FL		Probationary Accreditation-Inactive	
Final ACOTE decision for Accreditation-Reactivating:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE		DECISION	
Loma Linda University (OTM), Loma Linda, California		Grant Accreditation-Reactivation Status	
Final ACOTE decision for Delay of On-Site Requests:			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE		DECISION	
Shawnee State University (OTA), Portsmouth, OH		Deny request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2026/2027	
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTD), San Marcos, CA		Deny request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2026/2027	
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTM), Coral Gables, FL		Deny request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2026/2027	
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTD), St. Augustine, FL		Deny request to delay the on-site evaluation to 2026/2027	
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
University of Scranton (OTM), Scranton, PA	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
Walsh University (OTM), North Canton, OH	Accreditation	7	2030/2031
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	
Briar Cliff University (OTD), Sioux City, IA		Voluntary Withdrawal-Candidacy	
Colorado State University (OTM), Fort Collins, CO		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	
Eastern Kentucky University (OTM), Richmond, KY		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	
Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (OTM), Shreveport, LA		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	
Temple University (OTM), Philadelphia, PA		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	
The University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTM), Birmingham, LA		Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary	

The University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTA), Monroe, LA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
The University of Texas at El Paso (OTM), El Paso, TX	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change:</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Central Penn College (OTA), Summerdale, PA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to transition cohort to a hybrid format and defer update on MSHE Accreditation status
Horry-Georgetown Technical College-Grand Strand Campus (OTA), Myrtle Beach, SC	Approve relocation of Grand Strand campus to 2451 US 501 East, Conway, SC 29526
Huntington University-Peoria (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Approve increased cohort size and approve an additional off-campus lab experience
Ithaca College (OTM), Ithaca, NY	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTM curriculum
Ithaca College (OTD), Ithaca, NY	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
Kean University (OTD), Kean, NJ	Approve updated OTD curriculum
Monmouth University (OTD), Long Branch, NJ	Approve the addition of a specialized cohort
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, VA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to transition F2F courses to hybrid format
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (OTM), Yakima, WA	Approve an MSOT part-time track option
Samuel Merritt University (OTM), Oakland, CA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to move the campus to a new location
Samuel Merritt University (OTD), Oakland, CA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to move the campus to a new location

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to review of a Significant Program Change (cont.):</b>	
South College-Knoxville Campus (OTA), Knoxville, TN	Approve relocation of Knoxville's Lonas campus to the Parkside campus
Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site (OTM), Knoxville, TN	Approve relocation of Downtown Knoxville Site to 9845 Cogdill Road, Knoxville, TN 37932.
University of Minnesota (OTD), Minneapolis, MN	Defer acceptance of the significant change request for minor curriculum changes and defer compliance with 2023 Standard A.2.5.
University of Puget Sound (OTM), Tacoma, WA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to update faculty workload calculation
University of Puget Sound (OTD), Tacoma, WA	Defer acceptance of the significant change request to update faculty workload calculation

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTD), Austin, TX	Approve significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTD), San Marcos, CA	Approve significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTD), Irving, TX	Approve significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTD), Coral Gables, FL	Approve significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-St. Augustine Campus (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	Approve significant change request for updated OTD curriculum
<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Brookline College-Tucson Campus (OTA), Tucson, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Cox College (OTD), Springfield, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Des Moines University (OTD), Des Moines, IA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Dominican University of California (OTD), San Rafael, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
East Carolina University (OTD), Greenville, NC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Point Loma Nazarene University (OTM), San Diego, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
San Jose State University (OTD), San Jose, CA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of New Hampshire (OTD), Durham, NH	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Scranton (OTD), Scranton, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of the Incarnate Word (OTD), San Antonio, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Utah (OTD), Salt Lake City, UT	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Valparaiso University (OTD), Valparaiso, IN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Allen College (OTD), Waterloo, IA	Candidacy Status Deferred
Andrews University (OTD), Berrien Springs, MI	Candidacy Status Deferred
Black Hawk College (OTA), Moline, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
College of the Canyons (OTA), Santa Clarita, CA	Candidacy Status Deferred
Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts (OTA), San Mateo, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Husson University (OTD), Bangor, ME	Candidacy Status Deferred
Texas Christian University (OTD), Fort Worth, TX	Candidacy Status Granted

Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Mount Union (OTM), Alliance, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Memphis (OTD), Memphis, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
Virginia Western Community College (OTA), Roanoke, VA	Candidacy Status Granted
William Carey University (OTM), Hattiesburg, MS	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 April 5, 2025, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 660.

Program Status	OTD	OTM	OTA-B	OTA-A	Total
Accredited	129	161	5	214	509*
Candidate or Preaccreditation	54	17	11	5	87
Applicant	37	15	4	8	64
Total	220	193	20	227	660

\*Of the total Accredited programs, 6 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](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from accreditation staff at [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).