

## ACOTE® April and May 2016 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April and May 2016 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
<b>Arkansas State University-Jonesboro</b> (OTA), Jonesboro, AR	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Bryant &amp; Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus</b> (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Davenport University</b> (OTM), Grand Rapids, MI	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Huntington University</b> (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Indian Capital Technology Center/Connors State College</b> (OTA), Muskogee, OK	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Mary Baldwin College</b> (OTD), Fishersville, VA	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Northeastern State University-Muskogee Campus</b> (OTM), Muskogee, OK	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Northern Arizona University</b> (OTD), Phoenix, AZ	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus</b> (OTA), Newberry, SC	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>Shenandoah University-Northern Virginia Campus</b> (OTM), Leesburg, VA (Additional location of Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA)	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>South University-Columbia</b> (OTA), Columbia, SC	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>University of South Dakota</b> (OTD), Vermillion, SD	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
<b>University of Tennessee at Chattanooga</b> (OTD), Chattanooga, TN	Accreditation	5	2020/2021

*Accreditation Granted following an initial 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 Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, a Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, or an Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in **substantial compliance** with the Standards may be in noncompliance with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable. At the time of ACOTE action, 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.

### **Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
<b>Brown Mackie College-Albuquerque</b> (OTA), Albuquerque, NM (transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Kansas City to independent program)	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Brown Mackie College-Greenville</b> (OTA), Greenville, SC (transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Brown Mackie College-St. Louis</b> (OTA), Fenton, MO (transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
<b>Central Community College, Grand Island Campus</b> (OTA), Grand Island, NE	Accreditation	7	2022/2023

<b>Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (OTM), Tallahassee, FL</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Greenville Technical College, Benson Campus (OTA), Greenville, SC</b>	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
<b>Housatonic Community College (OTA), Bridgeport, CT</b>	Term pending reactivation	7	2022/2023
<b>Husson University (OTM), Bangor, ME</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Campus (OTA), Tupelo, MS</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Murray State College (OTA), Tishomingo, OK</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Parkland College (OTA), Champaign, IL</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>Pearl River Community College (OTA), Hattiesburg, MS</b>	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
<b>Rockhurst University (OTM), Kansas City, MO</b>	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
<b>San Jose State University (OTM), San Jose, CA</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>South Arkansas Community College (OTA), El Dorado, AR</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
<b>University of South Dakota (OTM), Vermillion, SD</b>	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
<b>York College, The City University of New York (OTM), Jamaica, NY</b>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023

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- *5-year review cycles are given to programs that are reaccredited, but 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 subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Anoka Technical College (OTA), Anoka, MN</b>	Probationary Accreditation
<b>Goodwin College (OTA), East Hartford, CT</b>	Probationary Accreditation
<b>Houston Community College (OTA), Houston, TX</b>	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
<b>River Valley Community College (OTA), Claremont, NH</b>	Probationary Accreditation
<b>Touro College (OTA), New York, NY</b>	Probationary Accreditation--Inactive

*Probationary Accreditation Action: 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 that 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): 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 Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, a Master’s-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, or an Associate Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Western New Mexico University (OTM), Silver City, NM</b>	Probationary Accreditation--Inactive

*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.*

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Brown Mackie College-Akron (OTA), Akron, OH</b>	Approval to move primary location for the Hopkinsville, KY and Quad Cities, IA campuses to the Akron Campus.
<b>Illinois Central College (OTA), Peoria, IL</b>	Approval to move program to new campus facilities and changes to content for more than one third of courses
<b>Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale Campus (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL</b>	Approval of increased and additional student cohort

**Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Allen College (OTM), Waterloo, IA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Bryant &amp; Stratton College-Greece Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Carroll University (OTM), Waukesha, WI</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Jackson State Community College (OTA), Jackson, TN</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Le Moyne College (OTM), Syracuse, NY</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>MGH Institute of Health Professions (OTD), Boston, MA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX</b>	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
<b>South University-Virginia Beach (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Villa Maria College (OTA), Buffalo, NY</b>	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 decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Central Methodist University</b> (OTA), Fayette, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Emory and Henry College</b> (OTM), Marion, VA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Huertas College</b> (OTA), Caguas, PR	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Huntington University</b> (OTA), Huntington, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>MCPHS University-Manchester Campus</b> (OTM), Manchester, NH	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>PITC Institute</b> (OTA), Wyncote, PA	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Samuel Merritt University</b> (OTD), Oakland, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Wesley College</b> (OTM), Dover, DE	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 2011 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 May 31, 2016, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 499.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's</b>	<b>OTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited Programs  (NOTE: 9 of the accredited OTM programs are transitioning to the OTD).	11	156	211	378
Accredited Additional Locations	0	10	15	25
Candidate Programs	12	17	21	50
Developing Additional Locations	0	1	1	2
Applicant Programs	11	10	23	44
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>499</b>

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Accreditation section of the AOTA Web page ([www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from AOTA accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2914 or [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).