

ACOTE® April 2018 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2018 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
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA) , Asheville, NC	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Central Methodist University (OTA) , Fayette, MO	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Elmhurst College (OTM) , Elmhurst, IL	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Gannon University-Florida Campus (OTD) , Ruskin, FL	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Idaho State University (OTA) , Pocatello, ID	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
MCPHS University-Manchester Campus (OTM) , Manchester, NH	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Regis College (OTM) , Weston, MA	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Touro University Nevada (OTD) , Henderson, NV	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Wesley College (OTM) , Dover, DE	Accreditation	5	2022/2023

*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
Concorde Career College-Memphis (OTA) , Memphis, TN	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Florida State College at Jacksonville (OTA) , Jacksonville, FL	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Laredo Community College (OTA) , Laredo, TX	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Pima Medical Institute-Mesa (OTA) , Mesa, AZ	Accreditation	10	2027/2028
Samuel Merritt University (OTM) , Oakland, CA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
St. Philip's College (OTA) , San Antonio, TX	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTM) , San Marcos, CA <i>(transitioned from additional location of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine, Florida to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTM) , San Antonio, TX	Accreditation	7	2024/2025

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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 to change status to Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
University of Southern Indiana (OTM), Evansville, IN	Probationary Accreditation

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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (OTM), Tallahassee, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Green River College (OTA), Auburn, WA	Probationary Accreditation
Hawkeye Community College (OTA), Waterloo, IA	Probationary Accreditation
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus (OTA), Mercedita, PR	Probationary Accreditation
Medical Education and Training Campus/University of the Incarnate Word (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Probationary Accreditation
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, MO	Probationary Accreditation
South University-West Palm Beach (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Trinity Washington University (OTA), Washington, DC	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
Goodwin College (OTA), East Hartford, CT	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Mercy College (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, NY	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Western New Mexico University (OTA), Silver City, NM	Accreditation-Inactive (Changed From Probationary Accreditation-Inactive)

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 to extend the accreditation period subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	TERM EXTENSION	NEXT ON-SITE
Herzing University (OTA), St. Louis Park, MN	7 to 10 years	2026/2027
Sacred Heart University (OTM), Fairfield, CT	7 to 10 years	2026/2027
Shawnee State University (OTM), Portsmouth, OH	7 to 10 years	2026/2027
Thomas Jefferson University-Center City, Philadelphia Campus (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	5 to 7 years	2024/2025
Thomas Jefferson University-East Falls, Philadelphia Campus (OTM), Philadelphia, PA	7 to 10 years	*

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 5 to 7 or from 7 to 10 years. This decision will be 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.

**NOTE: The Status of Accreditation was granted for a period to extend no later than June 30, 2027. This is the maximum time allowed under the ACOTE mandate that the entry-level degree requirement for the occupational therapist will move to the doctoral level by July 1, 2027. Only entry-level doctoral occupational therapy degree programs will be eligible to receive or maintain ACOTE accreditation status as of July 1, 2027.*

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the institution to voluntarily withdraw the OT master's program from accreditation. Both programs have completed the transition to the entry-level doctoral level, which is fully accredited:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Ohio State University (OTM), Columbus, OH	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
University of South Dakota (OTM), Vermillion, SD	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Abilene Christian University (OTM), Abilene, TX	Approval of increased enrollment
Bryant & Stratton College-Eastlake Campus (OTA), Eastlake, OH	Approval of move to a new campus
Lenoir-Rhyne University (OTM), Hickory, NC and Columbia, SC	Approval of increased enrollment
Lone Star College-Tomball (OTA), Tomball, TX	Approval of increased enrollment
National American University-Centennial Campus (OTA), Centennial, CO	Approval of an additional cohort
Navarro College (OTA), Corsicana and Midlothian, TX	Approval to designate the Midlothian campus as the primary location and the Corsicana campus as the additional location. The program no longer plans to relocate the the primary location to the Waxahachie campus.

Seton Hall University (OTM), South Orange, NJ	Approval for delivery model change for more than 1/3 of courses
St. Charles Community College (OTA), Cottleville, MO	Approval of an additional cohort, increased enrollment, and increased frequency of admission
Stanbridge University-Los Angeles (OTA), Alhambra, CA <i>(developing additional location of Stanbridge University, Irvine, CA)</i>	Approval of move to a new location and an additional cohort
Suffolk County Community College-Michael J. Grant Campus (OTA), Brentwood, NY	Approval of increased enrollment
University of Puget Sound (OTM), Tacoma, WA	Approval of increased enrollment
Wallace State Community College (OTA), Hanceville, AL	Approval of increased enrollment

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences (OTD), Mesa, AZ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Emory and Henry College, Marion Campus (OTM), Marion, VA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Georgia State University (OTM), Atlanta, GA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Preaccreditation Status Granted
St. Ambrose University (OTD), Davenport, IA	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.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Kean University (OTD), Hillside, NJ	Candidacy Status Granted
Lakeland Community College (OTA), Kirtland, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
Lewis University-Romeoville (OTM), Romeoville, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
Medical University of South Carolina (OTD), Charleston, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
Methodist University (OTD), Fayetteville, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
North Central College (OTM), Naperville, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
University of North Dakota (OTD), Grand Forks, ND	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTD), Miami, FL	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.

As of May 15, 2018, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 501.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs NOTE – Transitioning Programs not included in count: 4 OTM programs accredited as OTD programs 21 OTD program candidates 23 OTD program applicants	22	166	218	406
Accredited Additional Locations	0	10	2	12
Candidate Programs	8	11	13	32
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	23	11	16	50
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	53	198	250	501

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Accreditation section of the AOTA Web page (www.acoteonline.org) or from AOTA accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2042 or accred@aota.org.