

ACOTE® August 2017 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 2017 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
Brunel University London (OTM), Uxbridge, UK	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Bryant & Stratton College-Eastlake Campus (OTA), Eastlake, OH	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale Campus (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Pima Medical Institute-Las Vegas (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Accreditation	7	2023/2024

*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
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM	Probationary Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Hawkeye Community College (OTA), Waterloo, IA	Probationary Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Herzing University (OTA), Crystal, MN	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Indian Hills Community College (OTA), Ottumwa, IA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Keiser University, Melbourne Campus (OTA), Melbourne, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Keiser University, Orlando Campus (OTA), Orlando, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Macomb Community College (OTA), Warren, MI	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
North Central State College (OTA), Mansfield, OH	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Sacred Heart University (OTM), Fairfield, CT	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Shawnee State University (OTM), Portsmouth, OH	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
University at Buffalo, State University of New York (OTM), Buffalo, NY	Accreditation	7	2023/2024

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 Granted following a re-accreditation 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 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 continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Del Mar College (OTA), Corpus Christi, Texas	Probationary Accreditation
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (OTM), Tallahassee, Florida	Probationary Accreditation
Goodwin College (OTA), East Hartford, Connecticut	Probationary Accreditation
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus (OTA), Mercedita, Puerto Rico	Probationary Accreditation
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, Connecticut	Probationary Accreditation
Medical Education and Training Campus/University of the Incarnate Word (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, Texas	Probationary Accreditation
Mercy College (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, New York	Probationary Accreditation
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, Missouri	Probationary Accreditation
South University-West Palm Beach (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, Florida	Probationary Accreditation
Trinity Washington University (OTA), Washington, DC	Probationary Accreditation
Western New Mexico University (OTA), Silver City, New Mexico	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
Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (OTA), Herrin, IL	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Western Technical College (OTA), LaCrosse, WI	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)

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 voluntarily withdraw from accreditation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brown Mackie College-Kansas City (OTA), Lenexa, KS	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Brown Mackie College-Phoenix (OTA), Phoenix, AZ	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Brown Mackie College-St. Louis (OTA), Fenton, MO	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Housatonic Community College (OTA), Bridgeport, CT	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
Western New Mexico University (OTM), Silver City, NM	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Cleveland State University (OTM), Cleveland, OH	Approval of increased enrollment
Loma Linda University (OTM), Loma Linda, CA	Approval of increased enrollment
Northland Community and Technical College (OTA), East Grand Forks, MN	Approval of part-time pathway
Sacred Heart University (OTM), Fairfield, CT	Approval of increased enrollment
Seton Hall University (OTM), South Orange, NJ	Approval of increased enrollment
Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (OTA), Herrin, IL	Approval of withdrawal of 3 consortium members: Kaskaskia College, Rend Lake College, and Southeastern Illinois College.

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
Ameritech College of Healthcare (OTA), Draper, UT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Brightwood College-Dallas (OTA), Dallas, TX	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Cox College (OTM), Springfield, MO	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Indiana Wesleyan University (OTD), Marion, IN	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health (OTM), Omaha, NE	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 Denied: The proposed program does not meet one or more of the Standards and there does not appear to be evidence of the ability to comply within the immediate future. No further action will be taken unless the program sends notification of the intent to proceed with the accreditation process. The institution retains the option of proceeding with the initial on site evaluation.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Cleveland University-Kansas City (OTA), Overland Park, KS	Candidacy Status Granted
Indiana University (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Lackawanna College (OTA), Scranton, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
Mountain View College (OTA), Dallas, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Raritan Valley Community College (OTA), Somerville, NJ	Candidacy Status Granted
San Jacinto College-South Campus (OTA), Houston, TX	Candidacy Status Deferred
Slippery Rock University (OTD), Slippery Rock, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
South College-Knoxville (OTA), Knoxville, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Texas at Tyler (OTM), Tyler, TX	Candidacy Status Deferred
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTD), San Antonio, TX	Candidacy Status Deferred

***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 August 28, 2017, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 525.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs NOTE – Transitioning Programs not included in count: 2 OTM programs accredited as OTD programs 8 OTD program candidates 7 OTD program applicants	16	163	230	409
Accredited Additional Locations	0	11	3	14
Candidate Programs	15	11	16	42
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	20	17	22	59
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	51	202	272	525

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.