

ACOTE® August 2018 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 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
Emory and Henry College, Marion Campus (OTM), Marion, VA	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Georgia State University (OTM), Atlanta, GA	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Huertas College (OTA), Caguas, PR	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
St. Ambrose University (OTD), Davenport, IA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025

*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
Albany State University (OTA), Albany, GA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Baker College Center for Graduate Studies (OTM), Flint, MI	Accreditation	10	*
Bristol Community College (OTA), New Bedford, MA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Illinois Central College-Peoria Campus (OTA), Peoria, IL	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Keuka College (OTM), Keuka Park, NY	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
McHenry County College (OTA), Crystal Lake, IL	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Missouri Health Professions Consortium (OTA), Columbia, MO	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
Pima Medical Institute-Denver (OTA), Denver, CO	Accreditation	10	2027/2028
River Valley Community College (OTA), Claremont, NH	Probationary Accreditation	5	2022/2023
Salem State University (OTM), Salem, MA	Accreditation	10	*
St. Louis University (OTM), St. Louis, MO	Accreditation	10	*
Stark State College (OTA), North Canton, OH	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
University of Missouri (OTM), Columbia, MO	Accreditation	10	*
University of Wisconsin-Madison (OTM), Madison, WI	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.

**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 decision to move to a single point of entry for occupational therapy education at the doctorate 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.*

***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
Hawkeye Community College (OTA), Waterloo, IA	Probationary Accreditation
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus (OTA), Mercedita, PR	Probationary Accreditation
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, CT	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
Green River College (OTA), Auburn, WA	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
University of Southern Indiana (OTM), Evansville, IN	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 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
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA), Asheville, NC	5 to 7 years	2024/2025
Florida State College at Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, FL	7 to10 years	2027/2028
Laredo College (OTA), Laredo, TX	7 to10 years	2027/2028
Pima Medical Institute-Renton (OTA), Renton, WA	7 to10 years	2027/2028
Samuel Merritt University (OTM), Oakland, CA	7 to10 years	*
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTM), San Antonio, TX	7 to10 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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Chattahoochee Technical College (OTA), Marietta, GA	Approval of move to a new campus
St. Catherine University-Minneapolis (OTA), Minneapolis, MN	Approval to modify the additional cohorts (replace a Virginia cohort with a Texas cohort) and to modify courses for greater than 1/3 of the curriculum
St. Charles Community College (OTA), Cottleville, MO	Approval to modify courses for greater than 1/3 of the curriculum
University of Florida (OTD), Gainesville, FL	Approval of an additional cohort
University of Southern Indiana (OTM), Evansville, IN	Approval of move to a new location
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (OTM), Edinburg, TX	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
Drake University (OTD), Des Moines, IA	Preaccreditation Status
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTD), Austin, TX	Preaccreditation Status
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTD), San Marcos, CA	Preaccreditation Status
Samuel Merritt University (OTD), Oakland, CA	Preaccreditation Status
Virginia Commonwealth University (OTD), Richmond, VA	Preaccreditation Status

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
Elizabethtown College (OTD), Elizabethtown, PA	Candidacy Status
Misericordia University (OTD), Dallas, PA	Candidacy Status
Rocky Mountain College (OTD), Billings, MT	Candidacy Status
Spalding University (OTD), Louisville, KY	Candidacy Status
St. Catherine University (OTD), St. Paul, MN	Candidacy Status
University of Michigan-Flint (OTD), Flint, MI	Candidacy Status

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 August 28, 2018, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 507.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs NOTE – Transitioning Programs not included in count: 5 OTM programs accredited as OTD programs 24 OTD program candidates 29 OTD program applicants	23	167	219	409
Accredited Additional Locations	0	10	2	12
Candidate Programs	10	9	12	31
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	25	10	18	53
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	58	196	253	507

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