

## ACOTE® April 2019 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2019 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>Boston University, College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College)</b> (OTD), Boston, MA	Accreditation	5	2023/2024
<b>Cayuga Community College-Fulton Campus</b> (OTA), Fulton, NY	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>Messiah College</b> (OTM), Mechanicsburg, PA	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>Rowan-Cabarrus Community College</b> (OTA), Salisbury, NC	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus</b> (OTM), Coral Gables, FL	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>Walsh University</b> (OTM), North Canton, OH	Accreditation	5	2023/2024
<b>Walters State Community College-Greeneville Campus</b> (OTA), Greeneville, TN	Accreditation	5	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
<b>Concorde Career Institute-Miramar</b> (OTA), Miramar, FL	Accreditation	5	2023/2024
<b>Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (UA Cossatot)</b> (OTA), Ashdown, AR	Accreditation	10	2028/2029
<b>Delgado Community College</b> (OTA), New Orleans, LA	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>Florida International University</b> (OTM), Miami, FL	Accreditation	10	2028/2029
<b>Houston Community College</b> (OTA), Houston, TX	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>University of Louisiana at Monroe</b> (OTA), Monroe, LA	Accreditation	7	2025/2026
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus</b> (OTM), St. Augustine, FL <i>*Program opted to continue to offer the OTM program, so will be scheduled for a full on-site evaluation in academic year 2020/2021.</i>	Accreditation	2*	2020/2021
<b>Stanbridge University</b> (OTA), Irvine, CA	Accreditation	10	2028/2029

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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 decisions subsequent to review of an additional location/merger:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Radford University-Roanoke Satellite Campus (OTM), Roanoke, VA <i>(Additional location of Radford University, Radford, VA)</i>	Accreditation	9	2027/2028

**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	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Medical Education and Training Campus/University of the Incarnate Word (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, TX	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, MO	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation-Inactive</a>
South University-West Palm Beach (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, FL	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
Trinity Washington University (OTA), Washington, DC	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>

**Final ACOTE decision to remove 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	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, CT	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.*

*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 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
Gannon University (OTM), Erie, PA	7 to 10 years	2028/2029
Missouri Health Professions Consortium (OTA), Columbia, MO	7 to 10 years	2027/2028
Suffolk County Community College-Michael J. Grant Campus (OTA), Brentwood, NY	7 to 10 years	2028/2029
Touro University Nevada (OTD), Henderson, NV	5 to 7 years	2024/2025

<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus</b> (OTD), San Marcos, CA	5 to 7 years	2025/2026
<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b> (OTM), Madison, WI	7 to 10 years	2027/2028

*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 request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>St. Ambrose University</b> (OTM), Davenport, IA	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
<b>Western New Mexico University</b> (OTA), Silver City, NM	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

**Final ACOTE decision subsequent to expiration of Candidacy Status:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>PITC Institute</b> (OTA), Wyncote, PA	Candidacy Status Expired

*Candidacy Status Expired: A program receiving Candidacy Status must admit students to the program within 2 years of the enrollment date indicated in the Letter of Intent or reapply for Candidacy Status. Candidacy Status cannot be renewed or extended; however, programs may reapply for Candidacy Status.*

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Concordia University Wisconsin</b> (OTM), Mequon, WI	Approval to modify the curriculum
<b>Eastern Virginia Career College</b> (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Approval of a one-time additional distance education cohort in Texas
<b>Kent State University at Ashtabula</b> (OTA), Ashtabula, OH	Approval to change from a traditional to a hybrid delivery model
<b>Misericordia University</b> (OTM), Dallas, PA	Approval to modify the curriculum
<b>Navarro College-Midlothian Campus</b> (OTA), Midlothian and Corsicana, TX	Approval to modify the curriculum delivery model to increase the distance education component
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Houston</b> (OTA), Houston, TX	Approval of a move to a new campus location
<b>St. Catherine University-Minneapolis</b> (OTA), Minneapolis, MN	Approval to replace the current campus track in Minnesota with one online cohort, redefine the regions to add flexibility in lab locations, and add an additional cohort in Texas

**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>Lackawanna College</b> (OTA), Scranton, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Mountain View College</b> (OTA), Dallas, TX	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>South College-Knoxville Main Campus</b> (OTA), Knoxville, TN	<a href="#">Preaccreditation Status Denied</a>

<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus</b> (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>West Coast University-Los Angeles</b> (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	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):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Chatham University</b> (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>College of Saint Mary</b> (OTD), Omaha, NE	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Huntington University</b> (OTA-B), Huntington, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Indiana Wesleyan University</b> (OTA), Greenwood, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Muskingum University</b> (OTM), New Concord, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Pace University-Westchester Campus</b> (OTM), Pleasantville, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Shawnee State University at Southern State Community College</b> (OTA), Hillsboro, OH <i>(Additional location of Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH)</i>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Tennessee Wesleyan University-Downtown Knoxville Site</b> (OTM), Knoxville, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Minnesota</b> (OTD), Minneapolis and Rochester, MN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of New Hampshire</b> (OTD), Durham, NH	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Texas Medical Branch</b> (OTD), Galveston, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Wingate University</b> (OTD), Wingate, NC	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 3, 2019, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 517\*.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's*</b>	<b>OTA Baccalaur.</b>	<b>OTA Associate</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited Programs	30	102	0	216	348
Accredited Programs Transitioning to Higher Degree Level*		72		2	
Candidate Programs	39	11	1	11	62
Applicant Programs	81	5	5	16	107
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>517</b>

*\*NOTE: The total program count does not include the 72 OT programs that are retaining accreditation for the master's program while the transition to the doctoral level is finalized or the 2 OTA programs that are retaining accreditation for the associate degree program while the transition to the baccalaureate level is finalized.*

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 (301) 652-6611 x2042 or [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).