



ACOTE® January 2020 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in January 2020 and took the following accreditation actions:

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Idaho State University (OTM), Pocatello, ID	Approval of a distance education cohort in Meridian, Idaho.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Maria College (OTM), Albany, NY	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 2018 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

As of February 4, 2020, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 583*.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's*	OTA Baccalaur.	OTA Associate	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	36	128	0	217	381
Accredited Programs Transitioning to Higher Degree Level*		44		2	46
Developing Programs	46	12	1	11	70
Applicant Programs	88	19	10	15	132
TOTAL	170	159	11	243	583

**NOTE: The total program count does not include the 44 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) or from accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2042 or accred@aota.org.