



## ACOTE® Summer 2020 Accreditation Actions

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

<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:</b>			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
<b>Stanbridge University-Los Angeles (OTA)</b> , Alhambra, CA (Additional location of Stanbridge University, Irvine, CA)	Accreditation	9	2028/2029
<b>University of Central Arkansas (OTD)</b> , Conway, AR	Accreditation	5	2024/2025
<p><i>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 or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in <b>substantial compliance</b> 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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-year review cycles are the standard number of years for initial accreditation; and</li> <li>• 7-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.</li> </ul>			

<b>Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:</b>			
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
<b>A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences (OTM)</b> , Mesa, AZ	Accreditation	10	2029/2030
<b>AdventHealth University (OTM)</b> , Orlando, FL	Accreditation	10	2029/2030
<b>Dominican University of California (OTM)</b> , San Rafael, CA	Accreditation	3*	2022/2023
<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTM)</b> , Birmingham, AL	Accreditation	3*	2022/2023
<b>Western Michigan University (OTM)</b> , Kalamazoo, MI	Accreditation	3*	2022/2023
<p><i>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 or Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in <b>substantial compliance</b> 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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-year review cycles are given to programs that are reaccredited, but raise significant concerns as determined by ACOTE;</li> <li>• 7-year review cycles are the standard number of years for reaccreditation; and</li> <li>• 10-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Program will be scheduled for a full on-site evaluation in academic year 2022/2023 unless the program completes the transition to the doctoral degree level before that date.</i></p>			

<b>ACOTE decision to extend the accreditation term and delay site visits for one year from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022 for the following programs given the current pandemic and successful program outcomes:</b>
PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE
<b>Bay Path University-East Longmeadow Campus (OTM)</b> , East Longmeadow, MA
<b>Central Piedmont Community College (OTA)</b> , Charlotte, NC
<b>Nova Southeastern University-Tampa Bay Regional Campus (OTD)</b> , Clearwater, FL

<b>Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA)</b> , Newberry, SC
<b>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA)</b> , Piscataway, NJ
<b>Saginaw Valley State University (OTM)</b> , University Center, MI
<b>South College-Asheville Campus (OTA)</b> , Asheville, NC
<b>South University-Tampa (OTA)</b> , Tampa, FL
<b>Stanbridge University (OTM)</b> , Irvine, CA
<b>University of New Hampshire (OTM)</b> , Durham, NH
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Austin Campus (OTM)</b> , Austin, TX
<b>Weatherford College (OTA)</b> , Weatherford, TX
<b>Wor-Wic Community College (OTA)</b> , Salisbury, MD

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Neosho County Community College-Ottawa Campus (OTA)</b> , Ottawa, KS	Probationary Accreditation
<b>Trinity Washington University (OTA)</b> , Washington, DC	Probationary Accreditation
<b>Washburn University (OTA)</b> , Topeka, KS	Probationary Accreditation

*Probationary Accreditation: 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 remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Missouri Health Professions Consortium (OTA)</b> , Sedalia, MO	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 or Master’s-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist or a Baccalaureate-Degree-Level or Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

**Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to be placed on inactive status:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>University of Pittsburgh (OTM)</b> , Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation-Inactive

*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
Huntington University (OTA-B), Huntington, IN	5 to 7 years	2026/2027
Keiser University-Fort Myers (OTA), Fort Myers, FL	7 to 10 years	2029/2030
South College-Knoxville Main Campus (OTA), Knoxville, TN	5 to 7 years	2025/2026

*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 or the initial accreditation process:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Alvernia University (OTD), Reading, PA	Candidacy Status Withdrawn-Voluntary
National American University-Centennial Campus (OTA), Centennial, CO	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary
South University-West Palm Beach (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, FL	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Concorde Career College-Memphis (OTA), Memphis, TN	Approval of increase in frequency of student admissions
Ross College in Quad Cities (OTA), Bettendorf, IA	Approval to move to new facilities at 1801 E. Kimberly Road #2, Davenport, Iowa 52807
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OTM), Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK	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
Jacksonville University (OTD), Jacksonville, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Kean University (OTD), Hillside, NJ	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Methodist University (OTD), Fayetteville, NC	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Slippery Rock University (OTD), Slippery Rock, PA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
South College-Nashville Campus (OTA), Nashville, TN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
St. Catherine University (OTD), St. Paul, MN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Mary-Billings (OTD), Billings, MT	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Mary-Bismarck (OTD), Bismarck, ND	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Mississippi Medical Center (OTD), Jackson, MS	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Dallas Campus (OTD), Irving, TX	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTD), San Antonio, TX	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 Deferred: Information received from the program is incomplete and/or insufficient for evaluation. Supplementary information is requested for consideration at a subsequent ACOTE meeting.*

<b>Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):</b>	
<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Baylor University</b> (OTD), Waco, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Colorado Mesa University</b> (OTD), Grand Junction, CO	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Huntington University-Peoria</b> (OTD), Peoria, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Lincoln Memorial University</b> (OTD), Knoxville, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College</b> (OTA), Perkinston, MS	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Presbyterian College</b> (OTD), Clinton, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Rockhurst University</b> (OTD), Kansas City, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Southeastern Institute-Columbia Campus</b> (OTA), Columbia, SC	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham</b> (OTD), Birmingham, AL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of the Pacific-Sacramento Campus</b> (OTD), Sacramento, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Saint Mary-Leavenworth</b> (OTD), Leavenworth, KS	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</b> (OTD), Edinburg, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<i>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.</i>	
<i>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.</i>	

As of September 4, 2020, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 585\*.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's*</b>	<b>OTA Baccalaureate</b>	<b>OTA Associate</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited Programs	38	128	1	218	385
Accredited Programs Transitioning to Higher Degree Level*		45		2	47
Developing Programs	54	11	0	9	74
Applicant Programs	81	19	10	16	126
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>585</b>

*\*NOTE: The total program count does not include the 45 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).