ACOTE® August 2012 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met on August 2-5, 2012, 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
Brown Mackie College-Quad Cities (OTA), Bettendorf, Iowa (additional location of Brown Mackie College-Northern Kentucky, KY)	Accreditation	5	2016/2017
Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, Florida	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Hawkeye Community College (OTA), Waterloo, Iowa	Accreditation	5	2016/2017

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 Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in ***substantial compliance*** *with the Standards may be in noncompliance in 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 aregranted 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
Baker College of Muskegon (OTA), Muskegon, Michigan	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Casper College (OTA), Casper, Wyoming	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Chatham University (OTM), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (OTA), Cincinnati, Ohio	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Concordia University Wisconsin (OTM), Mequon, Wisconsin	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Gannon University (OTM), Erie, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus (OTM), Brooklyn, New York	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Midwestern University (OTM), Downers Grove, Illinois	Accreditation	7	2018/2019
Milwaukee Area Technical College (OTA), Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Oklahoma City Community College (OTA), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Tennessee State University (OTM), Nashville, Tennessee	Probationary Accreditation	5	2016/2017
University of South Alabama (OTM), Mobile, Alabama	Accreditation	10	2021/2022
Zane State College (OTA), Zanesville, Ohio	Accreditation	7	2018/2019

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 Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in ***substantial compliance*** *with the Standards may be in noncompliance in 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.*

*Probationary Accreditation Action: The occupational therapy master's program at **Tennessee State University**, Nashville, Tennessee, was placed on Probationary Accreditation effective August 3, 2012, for failure to comply with 2006 OT Master's-Level Standards A.2.9 (full-time faculty degree requirements), A.2.14 (adequate clerical and support staff); A.5.4 (certification exam pass rates); B.10.5 (fieldwork collaboration); and B.10.8. (resources for enhancing fieldwork supervision).*

The program has been requested to submit a Plan of Correction and a Progress Report to return the program to full compliance with the Standards within the mandated time period for correction. Tennessee State University reviewed the above statement and had the opportunity to add comment prior to public posting.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of a Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, Connecticut	Accreditation (changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Trident Technical College (OTA), Charleston, South Carolina	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 Status and now in 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 Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from the accreditation process:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Keuka College at Niagara County Community College (OTM), Sanborn, New York (Developing additional location of Keuka College, Keuka Park, New York)	Developing Status Voluntarily Withdrawn

Developing Status Voluntarily Withdrawn: The sponsoring institution has the option to withdraw its request for continuing accreditation at any time prior to ACOTE final action. Programs selecting this option relinquish the opportunity to appeal that is provided to programs receiving a status of Accreditation Withdrawn--Involuntary.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Sanford-Brown College (OTA), Hazelwood, Missouri	Accreditation--Inactive

Inactive Status: 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. A program may remain on inactive status for a maximum of 3 years dependent upon the accreditation term remaining.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Mount Mary College (OTM), Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Approval of Curriculum Changes
Stanbridge College (OTA), Irvine, California	Approval of a Part-time Format
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (OTA), Scotch Plains, New Jersey	Approval to add the following partner colleges to the consortium: Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ; Cumberland County College, Vineland, NJ; Hudson Community College, Jersey City, NJ; Ocean County College, Manahawkin, NJ; Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ; and Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ

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
Adventist University of Health Sciences (formerly Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences) (OTM), Orlando, Florida	Letter of Review Granted
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus (OTA), Ozark, Arkansas	Letter of Review Granted
Chattahoochee Technical College (OTA), Austell, Georgia	Letter of Review Granted
Spokane Falls Community College (OTA), Spokane, Washington	Letter of Review Deferred
University of the Sciences (OTD), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Letter of Review Granted
Weatherford College (OTA), Mineral Wells, Texas	Letter of Review Deferred

Letter of Review 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.)

Letter of Review Deferred: Information received from the program is incomplete and/or insufficient for evaluation. Supplementary information is requested for consideration at a subsequent ACOTE meeting.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an Application for Developing Program Status (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brown Mackie College-Birmingham (OTA), Birmingham, Alabama	Developing Program Status Granted
Brown Mackie College-Oklahoma City (OTA), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Developing Program Status Granted
Kaplan College-Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, Florida	Developing Program Status Granted
MGH Institute of Health Professions (OTD), Boston, Massachusetts	Developing Program Status Granted
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, Missouri	Developing Program Status Granted
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, Virginia	Developing Program Status Granted
Remington College (OTA), Heathrow, Florida	Developing Program Status Granted

Developing Program 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 initial review), which will be followed by step 3 (the initial on-site evaluation). Developing Program Status indicates that the program meets the requirements for Developing Program Status and the plans and resource allocations for the proposed program, if fully implemented, appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the 2006 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

As of August 10, 2012, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 379.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	4	145	159	308
Programs With Developing Program Status	5	3	30	38
Applicant Programs	4	9	20	33
TOTAL	13	157	209	379

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 x2914 or accred@aota.org.