

## ACOTE® August 2008 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met on July 31-August 3, 2008 in Arlington, Virginia. Among the 176 program actions taken by ACOTE were accreditation actions to:

- grant continuing accreditation to 3 educational programs that had recent re-accreditation visits;
- grant initial accreditation to 4 new program formats;
- change the status of 4 programs from Accreditation to Probationary Accreditation;
- change the status of 1 program from Probationary Accreditation to Accreditation; and
- grant Developing Program Status to 3 new applicant programs (step 1 of the initial accreditation process).

*Continuing accreditation granted subsequent to a re-accreditation visit:*

- **Cleveland State University** (OT professional entry-level master's)  
Cleveland, Ohio
- **Keuka College** (OT combined baccalaureate/master's)  
Keuka Park, New York
- **University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse** (OT professional entry-level master's)  
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

*Initial accreditation granted to new program format:*

- **James A. Rhodes State College** (OTA associate degree)  
Lima, Ohio  
(Consortium format)
- **New England Institute of Technology** (OTA associate degree)  
Warwick, Rhode Island  
(Evening format)
- **Stony Brook University** (OT combined baccalaureate/master's)  
Stony Brook, New York  
(Weekend format)
- **Zane State College** (OTA associate degree)  
Zanesville, Ohio  
(Evening format)

*Program status changed from Accreditation to Probationary Accreditation:*

- **Houston Community College** (OTA certificate)  
Houston, Texas
- **Indiana University** (OT professional entry-level master's)  
Indianapolis, Indiana
- **Saint Philip's College** (OTA associate degree)  
San Antonio, Texas
- **Southwest Virginia Community College** (OTA certificate (diploma))  
Richlands, Virginia  
(includes the additional location at Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia)

*Program status changed from Probationary Accreditation to Accreditation:*

- **Tennessee State University** (OT professional entry-level master's)  
Nashville, Tennessee

*Grant Developing Program Status – Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process:*

(The proposed programs may now admit their 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 programs, if fully implemented, appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the applicable ACOTE Accreditation Standards.)

- **Mercyhurst College** (OTA associate degree)  
Erie, Pennsylvania
- **Pima Medical Institute, Tucson** (OTA associate degree)  
Tucson, Arizona
- **University of the Sciences in Philadelphia** (OTD entry-level doctoral)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As of August 12, 2008, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 290.

Total Programs	OT Doctoral (6)	OT Master's (143)	OTA (141)
Accredited Programs	5	142	129
Programs With Developing Program Status	1	0	4
Applicant Programs	0	1	8

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Accreditation section of the AOTA Web page ([www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from AOTA accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2914 or [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).