

ACOTE® April 2014 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met on April 5-6, 2014, 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
Central Penn College (OTA), Summerdale, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
Kaplan College-Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, Florida	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Nova Southeastern University-Tampa (OTD), Tampa, Florida	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
Salus University (OTM), Elkins Park, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
South College-Asheville (OTA), Asheville, North Carolina	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
South University-Tampa (OTA), Tampa, Florida	Accreditation	7	2020/2021

*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
Barry University (OTM), Miami Shores, Florida	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Brenau University (OTM), Gainesville and Norcross, Georgia	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Community College of Rhode Island (OTA), Newport, Rhode Island	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Grand Rapids Community College (OTA), Grand Rapids, Michigan	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Jamestown Community College (OTA), Jamestown, New York	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Kirkwood Community College (OTA), Hiawatha, Iowa	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Lone Star College-Kingwood (OTA), Kingwood, Texas	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Roane State Community College (OTA), Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Saginaw Valley State University (OTM), University Center, Michigan	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
South Texas College (OTA), McAllen, Texas	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Spalding University (OTM), Louisville, Kentucky	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Tulsa Community College, Metro Campus (OTA), Tulsa, Oklahoma	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
University of Kansas Medical Center (OTM), Kansas City, Kansas	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
University of Southern California (OTM), Los Angeles, California	Accreditation	10	2023/2024

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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 decision subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (OTM), Tallahassee, Florida	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Touro College (OTA), New York, NY	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 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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Salem State University (OTM), Salem, MA	Approval of an Entry-Level Master's Degree Program Track
Stony Brook University (OTM), Stony Brook, NY	Approval of the change in designation of the accredited program from the combined baccalaureate/master's level to the entry-level master's degree
University of Mary (OTM), Bismarck, ND	Approval of the change in designation of the developing additional location in Billings, Montana to a developing Distance Education Cohort. An abbreviated on-site visit will be conducted before an accreditation decision is made.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to Voluntarily Withdraw from the accreditation process:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Salus University (OTD), Elkins Park, Pennsylvania (Note: This does not affect the status of the accredited OT master's program at Salus University.)	Developing Program Status Voluntarily Withdrawn

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application for an Additional Location:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Stony Brook University-Southampton (OTM), Southampton, NY (Developing additional location of Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York)	Candidacy Status Granted

Candidacy Status Granted: The proposed program may now admit its first class of students at the additional location according to the approved timeline and proceed with the initial on-site evaluation. Candidacy Status indicates that the resource allocation and plans for development of the proposed program appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

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
Nazareth College (OTM), Rochester, NY	Letter of Review Granted
Northern Virginia Community College (OTA), Springfield, VA	Letter of Review Granted
Pacific University (OTD), Hillsboro, OR	Letter of Review Granted
Remington College (OTA), Heathrow, FL	Letter of Review Granted
San Juan College (OTA), Farmington, NM	Letter of Review Granted
Virginia College-Richmond (OTA), Richmond, VA	Letter of Review Granted
West Coast University (OTM), Irvine, CA	Letter of Review Granted

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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Abilene Christian University (OTM), Abilene, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Career Training Solutions (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Candidacy Status Granted
Huntington University (OTD), Huntington, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Indiana Wesleyan University (OTD), Marion, IN	Candidacy Status Granted
Kettering College (OTD), Kettering, OH	Candidacy Status Deferred
Northern Arizona University (OTD), Phoenix, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
Tyler Junior College (OTA), Tyler, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Texas Campus (OTM), Austin, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Wor-Wic Community College (OTA), Salisbury, MD	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 initial 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.

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.

As of April 21, 2014, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 413.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	6	147	179	332
Developing/Candidate Programs	7	11	18	36
Applicant Programs	6	9	30	45
TOTAL	19	167	227	413

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.