

ACOTE® April 2017 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2017 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-San Antonio (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Accreditation -Inactive	7	(Pending reactivation)
Fox College (OTA), Bedford Park, IL	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Missouri State University (OTM), Springfield, MO	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
South University-Virginia Beach (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Trinity Washington University (OTM), Washington, DC	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
University of Indianapolis (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Accreditation	7	2023/2024

*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.

*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 decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Alabama State University (OTM), Montgomery, AL	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Amarillo College (OTA), Amarillo, TX	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Baker College of Allen Park (OTA), Allen Park, MI	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Bates Technical College (OTA), Tacoma, WA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Community College of Baltimore County at Catonsville (OTA), Catonsville, MD	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Del Mar College (OTA), Corpus Christi, TX	Probationary Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Keiser University, Miami Campus (OTA), Miami, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, West Palm Beach Campus (OTA), West Palm Beach, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	10	2026/2027

Lehigh Carbon Community College (OTA), Schnecksville, PA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Lone Star College-Tomball (OTA), Tomball, TX	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Mott Community College (OTA), Fenton, MI	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (OTA), Bradenton, FL	Accreditation	7	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, Progress Report, or NBCOT Certification Exam Pass Rate:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (OTM), Tallahassee, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus (OTA), Mercedita, PR	Probationary Accreditation
Medical Education and Training Campus/University of the Incarnate Word (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, TX	Probationary Accreditation
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, MO	Probationary Accreditation
South University-West Palm Beach (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, FL	Probationary Accreditation
Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (OTA), Herrin, IL	Probationary Accreditation
Trinity Washington University (OTA), Washington, DC	Probationary Accreditation

Probationary Accreditation Action: 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 subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Touro College (OTA), New York, NY	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences (OTM), Mesa, AZ	Approval of curricular changes for more than one third of courses.
Misericordia University (OTM), Dallas, PA	Approval of increased enrollment
Missouri Health Professions Consortium (OTA), Columbia, MO	Approval of expansion of consortium membership to the University of Missouri's School of Medicine.
San Juan College (OTA), Farmington, NM	Approval of increased enrollment
University of North Dakota (OTM), Grand Forks, ND and Casper, WY	Approval of increased enrollment
University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (OTM), Lewiston, ME	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
Elmhurst College (OTM), Elmhurst, IL	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Kettering College (OTD), Beaver Creek, OH	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Regis College (OTM), Weston, MA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Thomas Jefferson University (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	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 Denied: The proposed program does not meet one or more of the Standards and there does not appear to be evidence of the ability to comply within the immediate future. No further action will be taken unless the program sends notification of the intent to proceed with the accreditation process. The institution retains the option of proceeding with the initial on site evaluation.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Cayuga Community College-Fulton Campus (OTA), Fulton, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
Mountain View College (OTA), Dallas, TX	Candidacy Status Deferred
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (OTA), Salisbury, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
South College (OTA), Knoxville, TN	Candidacy Status Deferred
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus (OTD), St. Augustine, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTM), Miami, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
Walters State Community College-Greeneville Campus (OTA), Greeneville, TN	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 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 27, 2017, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 522.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs NOTE – Transitioning Programs not included in count: 2 OTM programs accredited as OTD programs 7 OTD program candidates 7 OTD program applicants	16	161	230	407
Accredited Additional Locations	0	11	5	16
Candidate Programs	14	14	13	41
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	18	14	25	57
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	48	200	274	522

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.