

ACOTE® August 2014 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 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
Crowder College (OTA), Webb City, Missouri	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
National American University-Denver Campus (OTA), Denver, Colorado	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
National American University-Independence Campus (OTA), Independence, Missouri	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Pennsylvania State University-Shenango Campus (OTA), Sharon, Pennsylvania	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
Anoka Technical College (OTA), Anoka, Minnesota	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Baptist Health Schools Little Rock (OTA), Little Rock, Arkansas	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Bay Path University (OTM), Longmeadow, Massachusetts	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, Connecticut	Probationary Accreditation	5	2018/2019
Madison Area Technical College (OTA), Madison, Wisconsin	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Ozarks Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, Missouri	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Pennsylvania State University-Berks Campus (OTA), Reading, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Pennsylvania State University-DuBois Campus (OTA), DuBois, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Pennsylvania State University-Mont Alto Campus (OTA), Mont Alto, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Rhodes State College (OTA), Lima, Ohio	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Shawnee State University (OTA), Portsmouth, Ohio	Accreditation	5	2018/2019
University of Charleston-Beckley (OTA), Beckley, West Virginia	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
University of Mississippi Medical Center (OTM), Jackson, Mississippi	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
University of New Hampshire (OTM), Durham, New Hampshire	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
University of Scranton (OTM), Scranton, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	10	2023/2024
Utica College (OTM), Utica, New York	Accreditation	7	2020/2021
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College-Ashland Campus (OTA), Ashland, Wisconsin	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.

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 review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Wright College (OTA), Chicago, IL	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 request from the program to be placed on inactive status:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Kaplan College-Jacksonville (OTA), Jacksonville, FL	Accreditation--Inactive

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 subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Anamarc College (OTA), El Paso, TX	Accreditation Withdrawn--Voluntary

Accreditation Withdrawn—Voluntary: The appropriate official of a program may at any time inform ACOTE in writing that the program is or will be discontinued by a given date or wishes to have accreditation withdrawn

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Crowder College (OTA), Webb City, Missouri	Approval to Move to a New Campus Location
Quinsigamond Community College (OTA), Worcester, MA	Approval to Move to a New Campus Location
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (OTA), Scotch Plains, NJ	Approval to add the following partner college to the consortium: Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ
University of Indianapolis (OTM), Indianapolis, IN	Approval of a Part-Time Program Track

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Stanbridge College-Thousand Oaks (OTA), Calabasas, CA (Applicant additional location of Stanbridge College, Irvine, CA)	Candidacy Status Deferred

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.

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
Indiana State University (OTM), Terre Haute, IN	Letter of Review Granted
Midwestern University-Glendale Campus (OTM), Glendale, AZ	Letter of Review Granted
Missouri College (OTA), Brentwood, MO	Letter of Review Deferred
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTM), Monroe, LA	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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brown Mackie College-Dallas/Ft. Worth (OTA), Bedford, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI	Candidacy Status Granted
CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Hodges University (OTA), Naples, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
Le Moyne College (OTM), Syracuse, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
McLennan Community College (OTA), Waco, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
South University-Columbia (OTA), Columbia, SC	Candidacy Status Deferred

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 August 29, 2014, the number of programs in the accreditation process totaled 421.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	6	147	185	338
Developing/Candidate Programs	8	12	21	41
Applicant Programs	7	10	25	42
TOTAL	21	169	231	421

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.