

ACOTE® August 2015 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August and September 2015 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
American Career College-Orange County Campus (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
Baker College of Owosso (OTA), Owosso, MI	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Accreditation	5	2019/2020

*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
Brown Mackie College-Akron (OTA), Akron, OH <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Brown Mackie College-Boise (OTA), Boise, ID <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Brown Mackie College-Findlay (OTA), Findlay, OH <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis (OTA), Indianapolis, IN	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Brown Mackie College-Louisville (OTA), Louisville, KY <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Brown Mackie College-Phoenix (OTA), Phoenix, AZ <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Tucson to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Brown Mackie College-Salina (OTA), Salina, KS <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Brown Mackie College-Tucson (OTA), Tucson, AZ	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Brown Mackie College-Tulsa (OTA), Tulsa, OK <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Dominican College (OTM), Orangeburg, NY	Probationary Accreditation	5	2019/2020

Eastern Washington University (OTM) , Spokane, WA	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Green River College (OTA) , Auburn, WA	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Seton Hall University (OTM) , South Orange, NJ	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
University of the Sciences (OTM) , Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
University of Texas Medical Branch (OTM) , Galveston, TX	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Washington University (OTD) , St. Louis, MO	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Washington University (OTM) , St. Louis, MO	Accreditation	10	2024/2025

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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 an Interim Report, Progress Report, or Other Report:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Houston Community College (OTA) , Houston, TX	Probationary Accreditation
Lake Washington Institute of Technology (OTA) , Kirkland, WA	Probationary Accreditation
Salt Lake Community College (OTA) , West Jordan, UT	Probationary Accreditation

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Kaplan College-Jacksonville (OTA) , Jacksonville, FL	Accreditation Withdrawn--Voluntary
Pacific University (OTM) , Hillsboro, OR <i>(Note: This action does not affect the status of the accredited occupational therapy entry-level doctoral program at Pacific University.)</i>	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 request from the program to Voluntarily Withdraw from the accreditation process:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Hodges University (OTA), Naples, FL	Candidacy Status Voluntarily Withdrawn

Candidacy Status Voluntarily Withdrawn: The sponsoring institution has the option to withdraw its request for initial accreditation at any time prior to ACOTE final action.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Housatonic Community College (OTA), Bridgeport, CT	Accreditation--Inactive
Touro College (OTA), New York, NY	Accreditation--Inactive

*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 decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Bay Path University (OTM), Longmeadow, MA	Approval of OTA-to-OT bridge cohort
Chattahoochee Technical College (OTA), Marietta, GA	Approval to move program to Marietta Campus effective January 2016
National American University-Denver Campus (OTA), Denver, CO	Approval to move program to Centennial Campus effective December 2015
St. Catherine University-Minneapolis (OTA), Minneapolis, MN	Approval of cohort in California
University of Charleston-Beckley (OTA), Beckley, WV	Approval to move program to new campus facilities

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
Bryant & Stratton College-Wauwatosa Campus (OTA), Wauwatosa, WI	Grant Preaccreditation Status
CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, CA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Davenport University (OTM), Grand Rapids, MI	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Huntington University (OTD), Fort Wayne, IN	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Mary Baldwin College (OTD), Fishersville, VA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Northeastern State University-Muskogee Campus (OTM), Muskogee, OK	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Northern Arizona University (OTD), Phoenix, AZ	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA), Hialeah, FL	Grant Preaccreditation Status
South University-Columbia (OTA), Columbia, SC	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (OTD), Chattanooga, TN	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Wor-Wic Community College (OTA), Salisbury, MD	Grant Preaccreditation Status

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.

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Bryant & Stratton College-Eastlake Campus (OTA), Eastlake, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
Elmhurst College (OTM), Elmhurst, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
Fox College (OTA), Bedford Park, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health (OTM), Omaha, NE	Candidacy Status Granted
Regis College (OTM), Weston, MA	Candidacy Status Granted
Stanbridge College-Los Angeles (OTA), Chatsworth, CA <i>(Additional location of Stanbridge College, Irvine, CA)</i>	Candidacy Status Deferred
Thomas Jefferson University (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
Touro University Nevada (OTD), Henderson, NV	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 September 1, 2015, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 481.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	7	151	197	355
Accredited Additional Locations	0	9	18	27
Candidate Programs	16	18	26	60
Developing Additional Locations	0	2	0	2
Applicant Programs	10	7	19	36
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	33	187	261	481

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.