

ACOTE® August 2016 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in August 2016 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
Abilene Christian University (OTM) , Abilene, TX	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Bryant & Stratton College-Syracuse Campus (OTA) , Syracuse, NY	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Duquesne University (OTD) , Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
McLennan Community College (OTA) , Waco, TX	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Ohio State University (OTD) , Columbus, OH	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Parker University (OTA) , Dallas, TX	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Pima Medical Institute-El Paso (OTA) , El Paso, TX	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Praxis Institute-Hialeah Campus (OTA) , Hialeah, FL	Accreditation	5	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
Brown Mackie College-Fort Wayne (OTA) , Fort Wayne, IN <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Kansas City to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Brown Mackie College-Hopkinsville (OTA) , Hopkinsville, KY <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Kansas City to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Brown Mackie College-Merrillville (OTA) , Merrillville, IN <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Kansas City to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Brown Mackie College-Quad Cities (OTA) , Bettendorf, IA <i>(transitioned from additional location of Brown Mackie College-Kansas City to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Duquesne University (OTM) , Pittsburgh, PA	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Idaho State University (OTM) , Pocatello, ID	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Kennebec Valley Community College (OTA) , Fairfield, ME	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
LaGuardia Community College (OTA) , Long Island City, NY	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Lake Washington Institute of Technology (OTA) , Kirkland, WA	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Madisonville Community College (OTA) , Madisonville, KY	Accreditation	7	2022/2023

Northland Community and Technical College (OTA) , East Grand Forks, MN	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Ohio State University (OTM) , Columbus, OH	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Rush University (OTM) , Chicago, IL	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
St. Charles Community College (OTA) , Cottleville, MO	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Stockton University (OTM) , Galloway, NJ	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Thomas Jefferson University (OTM) , Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Trident Technical College (OTA) , Charleston, SC	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Tuskegee University (OTM) , Tuskegee, AL	Accreditation	7	2022/2023

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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
Anoka Technical College (OTA) , Anoka, MN	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Dominican College (OTM) , Orangeburg, NY	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Eastwick College (OTA) , Ramsey, NJ	Probationary Accreditation
River Valley Community College (OTA) , Claremont, NH	Accreditation (Changed From 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.

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
Seton Hall University (OTM), South Orange, NJ	Approval of increased enrollment
Stanbridge College (OTM), Irvine, CA	Approval of change in admission frequency and cohort size

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
Fox College (OTA), Bedford Park, IL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
University of Indianapolis (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Missouri State University (OTM), Springfield, MO	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Preaccreditation Status Denied
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Trinity Washington University (OTM), Washington, DC	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
Georgia State University (OTM), Atlanta, GA	Candidacy Status Granted
Idaho State University (OTA), Pocatello, ID	Candidacy Status Deferred
Midwestern University-Downers Grove (OTD), Downers Grove, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
PITC Institute (OTA), Wyncote, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
University of Pittsburgh (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-California Campus (OTD), San Marcos, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Texas Campus (OTD), Austin, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
West Coast University-Los Angeles (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	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 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, 2016, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 511.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs (NOTE: 11 of the accredited OTM programs are transitioning to the OTD).	14	155	220	389
Accredited Additional Locations	0	10	11	21
Candidate Programs	13	17	17	47
Developing Additional Locations	0	1	1	2
Applicant Programs	13	13	25	51
Applicant Additional Locations	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	40	197	274	511

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.