

## ACOTE® December 2014 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 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
<b>Nazareth College</b> (OTM), Rochester, New York	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
<b>Northern Virginia Community College</b> (OTA), Springfield, Virginia	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
<b>Pacific University</b> (OTD), Hillsboro, Oregon	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Remington College</b> (OTA), Heathrow, Florida	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
<b>San Juan College</b> (OTA), Farmington, New Mexico	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
<b>Virginia College-Richmond</b> (OTA), Richmond, Virginia	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>West Coast University-Los Angeles</b> (OTM), Los Angeles, California	Accreditation	7	2021/2022

*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
<b>Allegany College of Maryland</b> (OTA), Cumberland, Maryland	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Augusta Technical College</b> (OTA), Augusta, Georgia	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
<b>Eastern Michigan University</b> (OTM), Ypsilanti, Michigan	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Holmes Community College, Ridgeland Campus</b> (OTA), Ridgeland, Mississippi	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
<b>Jefferson Community and Technical College</b> (OTA), Louisville, Kentucky	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Saint Francis University</b> (OTM), Loretto, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Springfield College</b> (OTM), Springfield, Massachusetts	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>Tufts University</b> (OTM), Medford, Massachusetts	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b> (OTM), Chicago, Illinois	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
<b>University of New England</b> (OTM), Portland, Maine	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
<b>University of Pittsburgh</b> (OTM), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	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.

### Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction and Fact-Finding Visit:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
<b>Western New Mexico University</b> (OTM), Silver City, NM	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 the accreditation process:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
New River Community and Technical College (OTA), Beckley, WV	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
Georgia Northwestern Technical College - Walker Campus (OTA), Rock Spring, GA	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
Concorde Career Institute-Miramar (OTA), Miramar, FL	Approval to admit a Distance Education Cohort in Philadelphia, PA
Creighton University (OTD), Omaha, NE	Approval to admit a Distance Education Cohort in Denver, CO

**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
American Career College-Orange County Campus (OTA), Anaheim, CA	Letter of Review Granted
Baker College of Owosso (OTA), Owosso, MI	Letter of Review Granted
Missouri College (OTA), Brentwood, MO	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
Bryant & Stratton College-Henrietta Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
Bryant & Stratton College-Syracuse Campus (OTA), Syracuse, NY	Candidacy Status Granted

<b>Carroll University</b> (OTM), Waukesha, WI	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>Clarkson University</b> (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Duquesne University</b> (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Gannon University-Florida Campus</b> (OTD), Ruskin, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Indian Capital Technology Center/Connors State College</b> (OTA), Muskogee, OK	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Ohio State University</b> (OTD), Columbus, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Ei Paso</b> (OTA), El Paso, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Houston</b> (OTA), Houston, TX	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>South University-Columbia</b> (OTA), Columbia, SC	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Indianapolis</b> (OTD), Indianapolis, IN	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 January 6, 2015, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 470.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's</b>	<b>OTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited Programs	7	149	189	345
Accredited Additional Locations	0	10	24	34
Candidate Programs	11	11	21	43
Developing Additional Locations	0	2	1	3
Applicant Programs	8	13	23	44
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>470</b>

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Accreditation section of the AOTA Web page ([www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org)) or from AOTA accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2914 or [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).