

ACOTE® December 2015 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 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
Brown Mackie College-Dallas/Ft. Worth (OTA), Bedford, Texas	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTM), Concord, North Carolina	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
CBD College (OTA), Los Angeles, California	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Missouri College (OTA), Brentwood, Missouri	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Southwestern Community College-Jackson/Sylva Campus (OTA), Sylva, North Carolina	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Stanbridge College (OTM), Irvine, California	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Tyler Junior College (OTA), Tyler, Texas	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Texas Campus (OTM), Austin, Texas	Accreditation	5	2020/2021
Wor-Wic Community College (OTA), Salisbury, Maryland	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
Belmont University (OTD), Nashville, Tennessee	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Bossier Parish Community College (OTA), Bossier City, Louisiana	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Chicago State University (OTM), Chicago, Illinois	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Delaware Technical Community College, Owens Campus (OTA), Georgetown, Delaware	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Howard University (OTM), Washington, DC	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Mercyhurst University (OTA), North East, Pennsylvania	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
Nashville State Community College (OTA), Nashville, Tennessee	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Navarro College and Navarro College-Midlothian Campus (OTA), Corsicana and Midlothian, Texas	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
New England Institute of Technology (OTA), East Greenwich, Rhode Island	Accreditation	10	2025/2026

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and University of Oklahoma at Schusterman Health Sciences Center (OTM), Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma	Accreditation	10	2025/2026
Salt Lake Community College (OTA), West Jordan, Utah	Accreditation	7	2022/2023
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse (OTM), LaCrosse, Wisconsin	Accreditation	10	2025/2026

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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
Lake Washington Institute of Technology (OTA), Kirkland, WA	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, CT	Accreditation (Changed from Probationary Accreditation)
Tuskegee University (OTM), Tuskegee, AL	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
Brown Mackie College-Northern Kentucky (OTA), Fort Mitchell, KY	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
Creighton University (OTD), Omaha, Nebraska	Approval of cohort in Denver, Colorado (Regis University)

Le Moyne College (OTM), Syracuse, NY	Approval to move program to new campus facilities
Philadelphia University (OTA), Trevese, PA	Approval of additional cohort
Quinnipiac University (OTM), Hamden, CT	Approval of increased enrollment
Saint Louis College of Health Careers, County Campus (OTA), Fenton, MO	Approval of additional cohort
College of St. Scholastica (OTM), Duluth, MN	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
Abilene Christian University (OTM), Abilene, TX	Preaccreditation Status Denied
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (OTA), Jonesboro, AR	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Bryant & Stratton College-Syracuse Campus (OTA), Syracuse, NY	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Duquesne University (OTD), Pittsburgh, PA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Indian Capital Technology Center/Connors State College (OTA), Muskogee, OK	Grant Preaccreditation Status
McLennan Community College (OTA), Waco, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Ohio State University (OTD), Columbus, OH	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Pima Medical Institute-El Paso (OTA), El Paso, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of South Dakota (OTD), Vermillion, SD	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.

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
Ameritech College of Healthcare (OTA), Draper, UT	Candidacy Status Granted
Arizona School of Health Sciences, A.T. Still University (OTD), Mesa, AZ	Candidacy Status Granted
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA), Asheville, NC	Candidacy Status Granted
Brown Mackie College-San Antonio (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Brunel University London (OTM), Uxbridge, UK	Candidacy Status Granted
Drake University (OTD), Des Moines, IA	Candidacy Status Granted
Pima Medical Institute-Las Vegas (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Candidacy Status Granted
Saint Ambrose University (OTD), Davenport, IA	Candidacy Status Granted
Stanbridge College-Los Angeles (OTA), Chatsworth, CA <i>(Additional location of Stanbridge College, Irvine, CA)</i>	Candidacy Status Granted
Virginia Commonwealth University (OTD), Richmond, VA	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.

As of December 23, 2015, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 492.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs (NOTE: 10 of the accredited OTM programs are transitioning to the OTD).	7	154	203	364
Accredited Additional Locations	0	9	18	27
Candidate Programs	15	16	23	54
Developing Additional Locations	0	2	1	3
Applicant Programs	9	12	23	44
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	193	268	492

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.