

ACOTE® December 2016 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 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
Allen College (OTM), Waterloo, IA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Bryant & Stratton College-Greece Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Carroll University (OTM), Waukesha, WI	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Jackson State Community College (OTA), Jackson, TN	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Le Moyne College (OTM), Syracuse, NY	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
MGH Institute of Health Professions (OTD), Boston, MA	Accreditation	5	2021/2022
Stony Brook University-Southampton (OTM), Southampton, NY (Additional location of Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY)	Accreditation	6	2022/2023
Villa Maria College (OTA), Buffalo, NY	Accreditation	5	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
Adventist University of Health Sciences (OTA), Orlando, FL	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Durham Technical Community College (OTA), Durham, NC	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Florida Gulf Coast University (OTM), Fort Myers, FL	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Ithaca College (OTM), Ithaca, NY	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, Daytona Beach Campus (OTA), Daytona Beach, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Pembroke Pines, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, Jacksonville Campus (OTA), Jacksonville, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Pembroke Pines, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, Pembroke Pines Campus (OTA), Pembroke Pines, FL	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, Tallahassee Campus (OTA), Tallahassee, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Pembroke Pines, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Keiser University, Tampa Campus (OTA), Tampa, FL <i>(transitioned from additional location of Keiser University, Pembroke Pines, FL to independent program)</i>	Accreditation	7	2023/2024

Pima Medical Institute-Tucson (OTA), Tucson, AZ	Accreditation	7	2023/2024
Sage Colleges (OTM), Troy, NY	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Tennessee State University (OTM), Nashville, TN	Accreditation	10	2026/2027
Winston-Salem State University (OTM), Winston-Salem, NC	Accreditation	10	2026/2027

Accreditation Granted following a re-accreditation 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 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
Eastwick College (OTA), Ramsey, NJ	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
Lincoln College of New England (OTA), Southington, CT	Probationary Accreditation
Mercy College (OTA), Dobbs Ferry, NY	Probationary Accreditation
Western New Mexico University (OTM), Silver City, NM	Accreditation-Inactive (Changed From Probationary Accreditation-Inactive)

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 to change the program's status to Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary due to closure of the institution:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Missouri College (OTA), Brentwood, MO	Accreditation Withdrawn-Involuntary

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

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Parker University (OTA), Dallas, TX	Approval of additional cohort
Quinnipiac University (OTM), Hamden, CT	Approval of curricular changes for more than one third of courses.
St. Louis College of Health Careers, County Campus (OTA), Fenton, MO	Approval of increased cohort size
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Florida Campus (OTM), St. Augustine, FL	Approval of increased enrollment
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Texas Campus (OTM), Austin, TX	Approval of part-time hybrid (“flex”) track

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
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (OTD), Jonesboro, AR	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Brown Mackie College-San Antonio (OTA), San Antonio, TX	Preaccreditation Status-Inactive Granted
Brunel University London (OTM), Uxbridge, UK	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Elmhurst College (OTM), Elmhurst, IL	Preaccreditation Status Deferred
Gannon University-Florida Campus (OTD), Ruskin, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale Campus (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Pima Medical Institute-Las Vegas (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Preaccreditation Status Granted
Regis College (OTM), Weston, MA	Preaccreditation Status Deferred

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 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
Messiah College (OTM), Mechanicsburg, PA	Candidacy Status Granted
Rush University (OTD), Chicago, IL	Candidacy Status Granted
South University-High Point (OTA), High Point, NC	Candidacy Status Deferred
University of Central Arkansas (OTD), Conway, AR	Candidacy Status Granted
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTM), Miami, FL	Candidacy Status Deferred
Walsh University (OTM), North Canton, OH	Candidacy Status Granted
West Coast University-Los Angeles (OTD), Los Angeles, CA	Candidacy Status Granted
Western New England University (OTD), Springfield, MA	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 December 22, 2016, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 513.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs (NOTE: 13 of the accredited OTM programs are transitioning to the OTD).	15	158	224	397
Accredited Additional Locations	0	11	7	18
Candidate Programs	14	14	15	43
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	13	13	27	53
Applicant Additional Locations	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	42	197	274	513

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.