

## ACOTE® December 2017 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in December 2017 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>Ameritech College of Healthcare</b> (OTA), Draper, UT	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
<b>Arkansas State University-Jonesboro</b> (OTD), Jonesboro, AR	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
<b>Brightwood College-Dallas</b> (OTA), Dallas, TX	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
<b>Cox College</b> (OTM), Springfield, MO	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
<b>Kettering College</b> (OTD), Beaver creek, OH	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health</b> (OTM), Omaha, NE	Accreditation	5	2022/2023
<b>Thomas Jefferson University-Center City, Philadelphia Campus</b> (OTD), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	5	2022/2023

*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>Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus</b> (OTA), Ozark, AR	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>Cleveland State University</b> (OTM), Cleveland, OH	Accreditation	10	*
<b>Harcum College</b> (OTA), Bryn Mawr, PA	Accreditation	10	2027/2028
<b>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</b> (OTM), Roanoke, VA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>Kent State University at Ashtabula</b> (OTA), Ashtabula, OH	Accreditation	10	2027/2028
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Renton</b> (OTA), Renton, WA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>Radford University</b> (OTM), Radford, VA	Accreditation	10	*
<b>Thomas Jefferson University-East Falls, Philadelphia Campus</b> (OTM), Philadelphia, PA	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>University of Southern Indiana</b> (OTA), Evansville, IN	Accreditation	7	2024/2025
<b>University of Utah</b> (OTM), Salt Lake City, UT	Accreditation	7	2024/2025

*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.

*\*NOTE: The Status of Accreditation was granted for a period to extend no later than June 30, 2027. This is the maximum time allowed under the ACOTE mandate that the entry-level degree requirement for the occupational therapist will move to the doctoral level by July 1, 2027. Only entry-level doctoral occupational therapy degree programs will be eligible to receive or maintain ACOTE accreditation status as of July 1, 2027.*

**Final ACOTE decision to change status to Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
<b>Green River College</b> (OTA), Auburn, WA	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>

*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 to continue Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
<b>Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University</b> (OTM), Tallahassee, Florida	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Goodwin College</b> (OTA), East Hartford, Connecticut	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Hawkeye Community College</b> (OTA), Waterloo, IA	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Campus</b> (OTA), Mercedita, Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Lincoln College of New England</b> (OTA), Southington, Connecticut	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Medical Education and Training Campus/University of the Incarnate Word</b> (OTA), Fort Sam Houston, Texas	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>National American University-Independence Campus</b> (OTA), Independence, Missouri	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>South University-West Palm Beach</b> (OTA), Royal Palm Beach, Florida	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Trinity Washington University</b> (OTA), Washington, DC	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>
<b>Western New Mexico University</b> (OTA), Silver City, New Mexico	<a href="#">Probationary Accreditation</a>

**Final ACOTE decision to remove Probationary Accreditation subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Del Mar College (OTA), Corpus Christi, TX</b>	Accreditation (Changed From Probationary Accreditation)
<b>Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (OTA), Roswell, NM</b>	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 to extend the accreditation period subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction or Progress Report:**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>TERM EXTENSION</b>	<b>NEXT ON-SITE</b>
<b>Clarkson University (OTM), Potsdam, NY</b>	5 to 7 years	2023/2024
<b>Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY</b>	5 to 7 years	2023/2024
<b>Ithaca College (OTM), Ithaca, NY</b>	7 to10 years	2026/2027
<b>Pima Medical Institute-Tucson (OTA), Tucson, AZ</b>	7 to10 years	2026/2027
<b>University at Buffalo, State University of New York (OTM), Buffalo, NY</b>	7 to10 years	2026/2027

*Accreditation terms for programs that were cited with no more than two areas of noncompliance may be extended if the areas are corrected within 1 year of ACOTE's action on the Report of On-Site Evaluation. For initial programs, terms may be extended from 5 to 7 years; for reaccredited programs, terms may be extended from 5 to 7 or from 7 to 10 years. This decision will be based on ACOTE's review of the Plan of Correction or Progress Report submitted by the program and a determination that the program has fully resolved the cited areas of noncompliance.*

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Brown Mackie College-Birmingham (OTA), Birmingham, AL</b>	Accreditation Withdrawn-Voluntary

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

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>American International College (OTM), Springfield, MA</b>	Approval of increased enrollment
<b>Eastern Virginia Career College (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA</b>	Approval of a distance learning (hybrid) cohort
<b>Elizabethtown College (OTM), Elizabethtown, PA</b>	Approval of increased enrollment
<b>Herzing University (OTA), Crystal, MN</b>	Approval of move to a new campus
<b>Navarro College (OTA), Corsicana and Midlothian, TX</b>	Approval to relocate the additional location at the Midlothian campus to the Waxahachie campus and designate it as the primary location. The additional location will be the program located at the Corsicana campus.
<b>Nova Southeastern University-Tampa (OTD), Tampa, FL</b>	Approval of move to a new campus and curricular changes

**Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (OTA), Asheville, NC</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Central Methodist University (OTA), Fayette, MO</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Idaho State University (OTA), Pocatello, ID</b>	Preaccreditation Status Denied
<b>MCPHS University-Manchester Campus (OTM), Manchester, NH</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Touro University Nevada (OTD), Henderson, NV</b>	Preaccreditation Status Granted
<b>Wesley College (OTM), Dover, DE</b>	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):**

<b>PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>Gwynedd Mercy University (OTM), Gwynedd Valley, PA</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Jacksonville University (OTD), Jacksonville, FL</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>Murray State University-Paducah Regional Campus (OTM), Paducah, KY</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>San Jacinto College-South Campus (OTA), Houston, TX</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Cincinnati (OTM), Cincinnati, OH</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Florida (OTD), Gainesville, FL</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Kansas Medical Center (OTD), Kansas City, KS</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Mary-Billings (OTD), Billings, MT</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Mary-Bismarck (OTD), Bismarck, ND</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Mississippi Medical Center (OTD), Jackson, MS</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Miami Campus (OTD), Miami, FL</b>	Candidacy Status Deferred
<b>University of Texas at Tyler (OTM), Tyler, TX</b>	Candidacy Status Granted
<b>University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (OTD), San Antonio, TX</b>	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 31 2017, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 523.

<b>Program Status</b>	<b>OT Doctoral</b>	<b>OT Master's</b>	<b>OTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Accredited Programs  NOTE – Transitioning Programs not included in count: 2 OTM programs accredited as OTD programs 13 OTD program candidates 12 OTD program applicants	20	165	222	407
Accredited Additional Locations	0	11	2	13
Candidate Programs	13	13	15	41
Developing Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
Applicant Programs	23	15	23	61
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>523</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 x2042 or [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).