



## American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (AOTA-ACOTE)

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### PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

**2020-2021**

**Accreditor types:** Programmatic

**Recognition Status:** Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

**Range of Accreditation Activity:** ACOTE is a nationally-recognized accrediting body for occupational therapy educational programs in the United States, Puerto Rico, and internationally, offering one or more of the following credentials for the occupational therapist: professional master's degree, combined baccalaureate/master's degree, and/or professional occupational therapy doctorate degree. In addition, ACOTE accredits occupational therapy assistant baccalaureate-degree-level and associate-degree-level educational programs in the United States and Puerto Rico. This recognition includes the accreditation of occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant educational programs offered via distance education.

#### International Accreditation Activity:

- 1** Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.  
**0** U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.  
**No** Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

#### Program Countries

United Kingdom

**Sponsoring Organization:** ACOTE is an associated body of the AOTA. An AOTA-ACOTE policy delineates the functional relationship.

#### Composition of Decision-Making Body:

Occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant practitioners and educators, higher education representative and public members.

**1,539,635** Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

**0** Direct support from any sponsoring organization

**0** In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

**Employees: 4** Full-time **1** Part-time

**Volunteers: 148** – served 2020-2021

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

**2020-2021**

**448** Accredited U.S. and non-U.S. Programs

**448** Degree-Granting:

**239** Public

**172** Private Nonprofit

**37** Private For-Profit

**0** Non-Degree-Granting:

**0** Public

**0** Private Nonprofit

**0** Private For-Profit

**30,750** Students

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

**2020-2021**

**Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up:** On-site reviews once every five or seven years for initially accredited programs; five, seven or ten years for re-accredited programs. Annual and interim reports are required.

**Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards:** Every 5 years.

#### Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

**66** Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

**0** Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

**28** Initial Accreditation Granted

**0** Initial Accreditation Denied

**18** Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

**19** Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

**0** Notice or Warning

**1** Probation

**0** Show Cause

**0** Accreditation Terminated or Removed

**0** Actions under Appeal

**31** Other

#### Summary of Additional Actions

**25** Substantive Changes Reviewed

