

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION (AOTA-ACOTE) ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION

In accordance with the [2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43](#), this summary describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 319

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

ACOTE is a nationally-recognized accrediting body for occupational therapy educational programs in the United States and Puerto Rico offering one or more of the following credentials: professional master's degree, combined baccalaureate/master's degree, and/or professional occupational therapy doctorate degree. In addition, ACOTE accredits occupational therapy assistant educational programs in the United States and Puerto Rico offering an associate degree and/or certificate. This recognition includes accreditation of occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant educational programs offered via distance education. (2009)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in April 2002

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 29-30, 2013

Decision: Recognition for up to ten years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy (ACOTE). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

ACOTE demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.