

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, OTD

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Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)  
(<https://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Accreditation.aspx>)

Accreditation Status: Pre-accredited (April 2023), site visit (September 2023) for full accreditation.

In March 2020, the Occupational Therapy Doctoral (OTD) program was granted Candidacy Status with the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) (<https://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Accreditation.aspx>) and advanced to the Preaccreditation Review step with the self-study submitted in 2022. With Candidacy Status, the program is eligible to admit students.

#### **Doctoral-Degree-Level Occupational Therapy Program (Program with Candidacy Status)**

The UW-Madison entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org) (<http://www.acoteonline.org>).

The program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.