ACOTE Occupational Therapy Program Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to what ACOTE publishes.

- A decision on degree level (doctoral or master's for OT; baccalaureate or associate for OTA), matching the columns of the 2023 Standards (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/download/5856/?tmstv=1771454597]).
- The 2023 ACOTE Standards and Interpretive Guide, April 2026 Version (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/download/5856/?tmstv=1771454597]).
- Evidence of institutional accreditation for the sponsor and any affiliates, per Standard A.1.1 (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/download/5856/?tmstv=1771454597]).
- A target candidacy application due date from ACOTE's New Program Slots page, to name in the Letter of Intent (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/get-accredited/]).
- Access to the eAccreditation portal for the Letter of Intent and Eligibility Application (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/get-accredited/]).
- Funds for the nonrefundable Letter of Intent fee. The fee policy says ACOTE's Accreditation department must receive it before an initial timeline is set (ACOTE, Policy V.A Fees [https://acoteonline.org/download/12078/?tmstv=1787586085], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A fieldwork plan that meets ACOTE's minimums: Level II fieldwork of at least 16 weeks full-time for OTA students and at least 24 weeks full-time for OTM or OTD students (ACOTE, FAQs [https://acoteonline.org/frequently-asked-questions/]).
- Written fieldwork agreements. ACOTE's FAQ says Standard C.1.5 reaches fieldwork that involves an outside entity, and it calls for an agreement signed by both parties and in effect for the whole of each Level I and Level II placement (ACOTE, FAQs [https://acoteonline.org/frequently-asked-questions/], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Faculty files, curriculum and outcome data, owned by your OT faculty.
- An admission date that allows for moving to the next review cycle if documentation is not approved (ACOTE [https://acoteonline.org/get-accredited/]).