

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
STUDENT POLICIES

**ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION (ACOTE)  
ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) is responsible for the specialized accreditation of occupational therapy education programs, both post-secondary and higher degree (Master's Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, Associate Degree, and Diploma programs). The Council has authority and accountability for carrying out the responsibilities inherent in the application of standards and criteria, accreditation processes, and the affairs, management, policy-making, and general administration of ACOTE. ACOTE is a nationally recognized specialized accrediting agency for all types of OT programs, including associate degree programs like that of Northwood Tech.

The Northwood Tech OTA program received a continuing full ten (10) year accreditation in May 2014. The next scheduled visit from ACOTE will be in Spring 2024.

The accreditation process requires ongoing self-assessment of an OT program's efforts to achieve the ACOTE standards and criteria for excellence. An annual report and Interim report addressing ACOTE's standards and criteria is the responsibility of the Program Director.

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