

Graduate Programs in **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

— ACCREDITATION TIMELINE —

Carlow University's Occupational Therapy program has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449, phone: +1 (301) 652-AOTA, website: www.accoteonline.org.

The timeline for accreditation for the programs by ACOTE involves three steps: (1) Applicant Status (completed), (2) Candidacy Status (pending approval in Spring 2022) and (3) Initial On-site Evaluation. Achievement of Candidacy Status will allow the Carlow Occupational Therapy Program to begin admitting students for the start of its first cohort in August 2022. The Initial On-Site-Evaluations in spring 2024 will occur after submission of self-study documents. Initial accreditation will result in program graduates being able to sit for the national certification exam after their commencement in Summer 2024.

| Accreditation Process | MSOT Dates | OTD Dates |
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| Phase I: Candidacy Application | DUE: December 15, 2021 | DUE: December 15, 2021 |
| Candidacy Review: ACOTE | Notification of approval: April 2022 | Notification of approval: April 2022 |
| *Students notified of acceptance into program | May 2022 | May 2022 |
| First Class Enrolled | August 2022 | August 2022 |
| Initial SELF-STUDY documents | July 3, 2023 | November 1, 2023 |
| Phase II: Pre-accreditation meeting | Notification of approval: December 2023 | Notification of approval: March 2024 |
| Phase III: On-site visit | January/March 2024 | August/Nov 2024 |
| Accreditation Action | Notification of approval: March 2024 | Notification of approval: December 2024 |
| Graduation | August 2024 | May 2025 |

Carlow University anticipates a successful accreditation review prior to the first OT class graduations. Graduation from an ACOTE accredited educational program makes one eligible to sit for the certification exam administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to become an Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR) and to apply for state licensure in the state(s) one wishes to practice.