



Accreditation Timeline
Entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

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 (completed) 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	OTD Dates
Phase 1: Candidacy Application	December 15, 2021
Candidacy Review: ACOTE	<i>Candidacy Approval GRANTED 4/06/2022</i>
*Students notified of acceptance into program	May 2022
First Class Enrolled	August 2022
Initial SELF-STUDY documents	November 1, 2023
Phase II: Pre-accreditation	Notification of approval: March 2024
Phase III: On-site visit	Aug/Nov 2024
Accreditation Action	Notification of approval: December 2024
Graduation	May 2025

The Carlow University entry-level masters and doctoral occupational therapy degree (MSOT/OTD) programs have been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929, (301) 652-AOTA, www.acoteonline.org. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation does not assure eventual accreditation. To be eligible to take the NBCOT certification exam, OTR candidates must graduate with an

entry-level occupational therapy degree from an ACOTE accredited occupational therapy (OT) program. Per USDE regulations, all credits and degrees earned and issued by a program holding Candidate for Accreditation status are considered to be from an accredited program. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. The Carlow University OT Program meets the educational requirements for certification in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.