



Program Accreditation and Licensure

The occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Accreditation.aspx. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most 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.

The program is currently fully accredited. Access program data results from the [National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy \(NBCOT\)](http://www.nbcot.org).

National Certification:

Graduates of the program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and are then eligible to take the national examination to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). The national examination is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) located at 12 South Summit Avenue, Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-4150 and can be reached at phone: 301-990-7979. Additional information NBCOT may be obtained at <http://www.nbcot.org>.

Results of National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination.

The pass rate for number of students that passed the NBCOT exam for the last three years is 97%

State Licensure:

A practitioner may not work in the State of Texas without a license. Once nationally certified, the individual is eligible to apply to the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners (TBOTE) for a license to practice in the State of Texas. The TBOTE is located at 333 Guadalupe, Suite 2510, Austin, TX 78701-3942, and can be reached at 512-305-6900. Additional information may be obtained at <http://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/home>.



Graduation, certification and licensure are separate mechanisms and are the responsibility of the individual student.

Legal Considerations:

Enrollment into the Allied Health Programs by students with felony or misdemeanor convictions could result in denial of licensure or certification. These students would not be eligible for admission into the program until a declaratory order process is completed with the licensure and certification board. A copy of the proof of eligibility for licensure and certification must be provided with the program application.

Required Certification Documentation: applicant will review the [NBCOT Early Determination Review](#). Depending on the situation, an applicant will either 1) include a signed statement that they have read all information concerning the Early Determination Review and a copy of the applicant's responses to the "Character Questions" or 2) include a copy of the NBCOT document with results of the early determination review.

Required Texas Licensure Documentation: applicant will include a copy of the results from the Executive Council of Occupational Therapy Examiners "[Criminal History Evaluation Letter](#)" with the application to the program.

Completion of the application criteria does not guarantee program selection or admission.