



## Occupational Therapy

### -ACCREDITATION TIMELINE-

The Briar Cliff University entry-level doctoral occupational therapy degree (OTD) program has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510 E, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 652-AOTA, [www.acoteonline.org](http://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.

Accreditation Process	OTD Program Dates
<b>Candidacy Application</b>	DUE: August 15, 2022
<b>ACOTE Candidacy Decision</b>	December 2022
<b>Students notified of acceptance into the program</b>	December 2022
<b>First Class Enrolled</b>	June 2023
<b>Initial Report of Self Study</b>	November 1, 2024
<b>ACOTE Pre-Accreditation Decision</b>	April 2025
<b>Initial On-Site Visit by ACOTE</b>	August-November 2025
<b>ACOTE Accreditation Decision</b>	December 2025
<b>Graduation</b>	May 2026

Briar Cliff 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.