



Occupational Therapy

-ACCREDITATION TIMELINE-

Briar Cliff University’s Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The timeline for accreditation for the program by ACOTE involved three steps: 1) Applicant Status (completed), (2) Candidacy Status (pending approval in December 2022), and 3) Initial On-Site Evaluation. Achievement of Candidacy Status will allow the Briar Cliff University Program to begin admitting students for the start of its first cohort in June 2023. The Initial On-Site-Evaluation in Fall 2024 will occur after the 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 May 2026.

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