



Information about the accreditation process

1. What is the current accreditation status of Messiah College's MOT program?

Messiah's Master of Occupational Therapy program has been granted developing program status by the [American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education](#) (ACOTE).

2. What is the timeline for the accreditation process?

Messiah College's MOT program could receive accreditation in April 2019, based on the below timeline and process established by ACOTE and Messiah College:

- Messiah College was granted candidacy status in December 2016
- Messiah College will submit the initial self-study for its MOT program to ACOTE on July 2, 2018
- ACOTE will conduct its on-site evaluation in March 2019
- ACOTE will take action in April 2019 based on the report of the on-site evaluation team. At that time, ACOTE can take the following actions:
 - Accreditation granted
 - Accreditation withheld

3. Is it certain that Messiah's MOT Program will be fully accredited by ACOTE?

While it is not possible for any program to guarantee that it will be granted accreditation, it is highly unlikely that Messiah's MOT program would not gain accreditation. Programs that do not get accredited have major issues of non-compliance, such as a lack of adequate educational

spaces to meet the educational objectives, or not having faculty or the finances to support the program. However, Messiah College's MOT program offers the following positive factors for accreditation:

- The OT curriculum is solid and is in alignment with Messiah College's mission and ACOTE's standards. The Community of Educators at Messiah College has approved the OT curriculum.
- Messiah College is fully supportive of the OT program and has invested in a state-of-the-art facility.
- The MOT program is committed to hire faculty with the highest credentials, recognized by their dedication to academic excellence.
- Messiah College is located in a premier geographical area, granting access to outstanding medical facilities and healthcare organizations.
- The College has already established affiliation agreements with hospitals, private clinics, schools and community-based clinical sites.

4. Whom may I contact with accreditation questions about Messiah's MOT program?

You may contact the interim director of the MOT program, Ms. Leanne Rutt at lrutt@messiah.edu.