ACCREDITATION and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The Department of Occupational Therapy offers a MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT) degree program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE, 4720 Montgomery Lane, P. O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, [301] 652-2682). The Department currently holds a Certificate of Accreditation for a period of 7 years from academic year 2012 - 2013 to 2019 - 2020.

Effective April 27, 2013, the program was placed on Probationary Accreditation for nearing the end of the mandated time period to comply with 2006 OT Master’s-Level Standard A.2.2 (program director qualifications). The program has been in noncompliance with Standard A.2.2 since August 2008.

The program has been requested to submit a Progress Report to return the program to full compliance with the Standards within the mandated time period for correction.

Graduates of the MOT program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Following successful completion of this examination, the graduate will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). This national certification is a prerequisite for obtaining a license to practice occupational therapy in most states, including Louisiana.

A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.