



ACC.P.06: ACADEMIC OF NEW OR LAPSED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAMS

Activity Sphere: Accreditation

Last Revised: June 2017

Activity: Entry-level education

Subactivity/task: Academic Accreditation

POLICY

1. The accreditation of new or lapsed programs shall comply with the philosophy, guiding principles and purpose of academic accreditation as outlined in Self Study Guide.
2. In order to attain an “Eligible for Accreditation” status, the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists invites occupational therapy programs seeking accreditation to apply to the Academic Credentialing Council to determine if the educational program meets established minimum requirements as outlined in accreditation documents for new programs. 100% of category one indicators must be met for an occupational therapy educational program to attain an “Eligible for Accreditation” status.
3. Once deemed “Eligible for Accreditation” an occupational therapy educational program may enter the accreditation process.
4. For new programs, to attain an “Eligible for Accreditation” status: 100% of category one indicators must be met. An on-site review will occur before the first student cohort completes the first half of the program. A full accreditation review with an off- and on-site review will take place before graduation of this first student cohort.
5. Programs which lose their accreditation status must re-apply for accreditation and re-submit a self-study document reflecting category one indicators to establish eligibility for accreditation. A full accreditation review (submission of self-study document off-site review and on-site visit, as outlined in accreditation documents), will take place within 12 months of confirming the program is “Eligible for Accreditation” status. Accreditation decisions will be awarded as per Policy ACC.P.03: Seven-Year Continuous Quality Improvement Cycle.
6. Programs that lose accreditation status are required to publicly inform their current and incoming students of this status and that it may affect graduates’ eligibility for practice.



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Related documents:

- CAOT Academic Accreditation Standards and Self-Study Guide;
- ACC.P.03: Seven-Year Continuous Quality Improvement Cycle.