



The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program at the University of Montana has applied for accreditation and has been granted **Candidacy Status** by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652- AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. The program must have a pre-accreditation review (anticipated spring 2027), complete an on-site evaluation (anticipated fall 2027), and be granted Accreditation Status (anticipated December 2027) before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.