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Accreditation  
Council for  
Occupational  
Therapy  
Education

Daniel Bradley, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Bradley:

The American  
Occupational  
Therapy  
Association, Inc.

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met on November 30 – December 2, 2012, and considered the Candidacy Application from the applicant occupational therapy master's program at Indiana State University.

After a thorough review of the materials submitted, ACOTE concluded that the program meets the requirements for Candidacy Status and demonstrates potential for achieving compliance with the 2011 *Accreditation Standards for a Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist*. Therefore, ACOTE voted to **GRANT CANDIDACY STATUS** to the occupational therapy master's program at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana. The Report of Application Review, which details results of the review, is enclosed.

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As a result of this action, your institution may admit students into the occupational therapy master's program according to your approved timeline (May 2013) and may proceed to the Initial Review step of the accreditation process. The occupational therapy master's program at Indiana State University will be listed in AOTA's next *Listing of Educational Programs in Occupational Therapy* as having Candidacy Status and will be added to the list of developing occupational therapy master's programs on AOTA's Web page ([www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)).

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of our policy entitled, "Step Two: The Initial Review". As stated in this policy, your occupational therapy master's program director, Ms. Jeanne Sowers, will be asked to submit a Report of Self-Study. Ms. Sowers will receive that request and instructions for the submission of the Report in the near future.

ACOTE extends best wishes for success in the future development of your occupational therapy master's educational program.

Sincerely,

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ACOTE Policy III.A.2. - *Step Two: The Initial Review* (8/12)  
ACOTE Policy VI.E. - *Sample Statements Regarding Accreditation Status and Use of the ACOTE Logo* (8/12)

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Alison J. Beck, OTR, PhD, Application Review Team Member (Encl. Report)  
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ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION  
REPORT OF APPLICATION REVIEW

INSTITUTION: Indiana State University (OTM)  
Terre Haute, Indiana

DATE: November 30 – December 2, 2012  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

REVIEWERS: Donald E. Walkovich, DHSc, MS, OTR/L, Application Review Team  
Coordinator, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education  
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INTRODUCTION:

The application review team (listed above) reviewed the Candidacy Application from the applicant occupational therapy master's (OTM) program at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana. The report below describes the strengths identified by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®), additional materials requested, the areas of concern, and the action taken regarding Candidacy Status.

PROGRAM STRENGTHS:

1. The program director has submitted a thoughtful Candidacy Application.
2. The curriculum design is very thorough and based on the mission of the occupational therapy program and on the mission of the University.
3. The strategic plan is thorough and appropriate for development of the occupational therapy program.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS THAT WERE REQUESTED PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION REVIEW:

No additional materials were requested.

AREAS OF CONCERN:

Upon review of the Candidacy Application, the following area of concern was identified:

1. The philosophy presented in the application addresses the "Philosophy of Learning", but does not include the "Philosophy of OT". [2011 OT Master's Standard A.6.5.]

ACTION:

Grant Candidacy Status and proceed with the initial review.

The program director should ensure that Standard A.6.5 is fully addressed in the initial Report of Self-Study.

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***NOTE:*** Any institution or program that elects to make a public disclosure of an ACOTE report must accurately disclose complete information regarding ACOTE's findings (i.e., strengths, areas of concern, and ACOTE's final action). Strengths cited in the report may not be published without also publishing any cited areas of concern.

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