FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Has Occupational Therapy at Davenport University applied for accreditation?
Yes. The Occupational Therapy program at Davenport University has officially started the typical 2-year accreditation process and has received Candidacy Status from Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education ACOTE).

What is Candidacy Status?
Candidacy Status indicates that Davenport University may enroll students into the program and conduct occupational therapy courses and fieldwork.

Will the occupational therapy program be accredited when students start classes?
When the first admission class begins, the program will be moving through the typical 2-year accreditation process.

Will the occupational therapy program be accredited before the students graduate?
The ACOTE accreditation decision occurs before the first admission class graduates.

Do all programs with Candidacy Status become accredited?
Candidacy Status does not guarantee that a program will become accredited at the end of the accreditation process. However, Candidacy Status indicates that ACOTE has thoroughly reviewed the program’s candidacy application and has determined that the program’s plans and resources provide evidence of the program’s ability to meet ACOTE standards and requirements leading to accreditation.

What will happen to the students if a program does not become accredited?
The students would need to transfer to a school that is ACOTE-accredited and complete the courses required for that program. There is no guarantee that all or any of the credits from the unaccredited program will transfer to another accredited program. Students must graduate from an ACOTE-accredited program and successfully pass the NBCOT certification exam in order to obtain a state license to practice and work as an occupational therapist.

Who can I contact for more information about accreditation?
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