

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Exhibit No.:** B-O-41



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Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association. ACOTE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the accrediting agency for occupational therapy education. ACOTE currently accredits over 400 occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant educational programs in the United States and its territories, including programs offered by institutions accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

ACICS is recognized by CHEA, and is accepted by ACOTE as an institutional accrediting agency. Specifically, ACOTE requires an institution sponsoring an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant program to be institutionally accredited by a regional and/or national accrediting agency recognized by the USDE and/or CHEA to accredit postsecondary educational institutions. *See ACOTE Manual, Section II., at pp. 2 & 42.*

I can be reached at [bostrove@aota.org](mailto:bostrove@aota.org) in connection with this letter.

Sincerely,

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