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POLICY

1. The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists grants academic accreditation awards of five and seven years when educational programs under review have met the criteria for the awards.
2. Once a five-year accreditation has been awarded, the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists has the right to grant an extension of two years for a total of a seven-year award. This “extended award” will be conditional upon the receipt of an interim report three years following the on-site accreditation review. The interim report will address the issues of concern stated in the accreditation review. It will identify the strategies used to address these issues and the current status and the projected outcomes.
3. There will be no accreditation award where programs have not met the requirements for a five-year award. Such programs will retain their previous award for six months, during which time requirements must be met for an accreditation award, as assessed by the Academic Credentialing Council. If a program fails to meet the requirements for an accreditation award within this time period, the program will not be accredited and must apply for accreditation as a lapsed program as per Policy 8208 «Accreditation of New or Lapsed Occupational Therapy Programs».
4. Under exceptional circumstances programs may be requested to submit annual reports on the progress made to maintain its accreditation status.
5. The accreditation award will be granted effective with the on-site visit dates. In cases where the program has requested postponement of the on-site visit, the accreditation award will be considered to be effective on the expiry date of the previous accreditation.