



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (2011-2012)

### **Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program**

#### **How long does the program take to complete?**

Approximately five years for both bachelor and master degree requirements. If previous college coursework is transferred in for credit, this time can be less.

#### **How much does it cost?**

Tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$675 per undergraduate credit (1-11 credits) per semester or \$11,270 per semester full time (12-18 credits). A complete list of tuition and fees can be reviewed on the Mount Mary website: <http://www.mtmary.edu/tuitionundergrad.htm>

#### **How many classes meet on campus and how many meet by distance learning?**

The Bachelor of Science degree requirements are completed on campus so you can learn the hands on skills required to be a successful occupational therapist. This is completed in approximately four years if attending full-time. The Fifth Year of the program is completed online and students can complete these requirements from any location.

#### **How do I apply? How are my application materials reviewed?**

Application materials are found on the OT website at [www.mtmary.edu/ot.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/ot.htm) with instructions on how to submit them. Applications are reviewed in two stages. The first stage is Initial Eligibility. Applicants submit a formal application to the College (with fee paid) and official transcripts from **all** previous colleges attended. Applications are then reviewed once per month to determine one's **initial** eligibility for admission to the OT program. If eligible, the applicant will then submit all remainder application materials, including Human Service Forms, Shadowing Forms, Letters of Recommendation, and Narrative Questions and complete any remaining prerequisite courses. The application will then be reviewed at the next application reading date to determine final eligibility for admission to the program. Please note that applicants who are initially eligible for the OT program are **not** admitted into the OT program. Admission to the program is determined each January 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> at the official application reading date.

#### **When is your deadline for submitting the application materials?**

Applications will be reviewed every January 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. All criteria for admission must be completed by this date in order for an application to be considered complete. A completed application includes the receipt of all application materials and all prerequisite coursework completed with official transcripts received from any colleges attended other than Mount Mary.

**What are the requirements for admission to your program? Do I have to finish all prerequisite coursework to be admitted into the program?**

Applicants must complete all prerequisite coursework and submit all application materials in order to be considered for admission to the program. No exceptions are made to this policy. All our admission requirements are outlined in the Admission Policy & Procedure form on our website. Please refer to this document for details or contact the O.T. department for more information.

**Is there a priority system for admission to the program?**

Yes. Applicants who are currently on campus taking courses are given a higher priority for admission than those who apply from the outside community. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to complete prerequisite courses on campus in order to receive a higher priority for admission. Please note that taking courses on campus does not guarantee admission. Refer to our Admission Policy & Procedure for more details.

**Are there limitations in space in your program?**

Yes. We only accept a certain number of students each year as a cohort into the various levels of our program. Therefore we encourage all applicants to apply early for early consideration.

**Can I attend school part-time?**

Yes, though attending part-time does lengthen the time you will need to complete all the required coursework and ultimately graduate from the program.

**When are classes held on campus?**

Classes are held weekdays with most students attending classes between two and three days per week, depending on course load. O.T. classes are only held during the day and not on evenings or weekends. All OT courses are block scheduled in just two full days per week.

**Can I transfer credits from my previous college course work?**

Yes! Contact the OT department at 414-256-1246 or [ot@mtmary.edu](mailto:ot@mtmary.edu) to request an informal review of your transcripts to determine what courses may transfer for credit.

**Do you have a weekend or online program for OT assistants?**

While we do have a number of OTAs in our program who continue to work while attending classes, we do not offer an online or weekend program specifically for OT assistants. However, we do honor the education and experiences of OTAs, therefore we transfer in a number of OTA courses for credit toward the Bachelor of Science degree in OT.

**Can I work while going to school?**

Yes. Most students work part-time jobs while attending school.

**Is financial aid available?**

Yes. A financial aid counselor is available to review specific guidelines and qualifications for aid with you. Call (414) 256-1258 to make an appointment. Scholarships are also available.

**I have other questions about the program. Who can I speak to?**

Call the Occupational Therapy Department directly at (414) 256-1246 to speak to an advisor who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also send an email to the department at [ot@mtmary.edu](mailto:ot@mtmary.edu)