



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **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 2009-2010 academic year is \$596 per undergraduate credit (1-11 credits) per semester or \$10,368 per semester full time (12-18 credits).

#### **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.

#### **Do I have to finish all the prerequisite courses in order to be accepted into the program?**

No. You can be accepted before completing certain prerequisite courses. However, your grades in all the prerequisite courses will be reviewed for compliance with the admission policy. Refer to our Admission Policy & Procedure form for more details.

#### **Do I have to finish all the prerequisite courses in order to start taking the Third Year OT courses?**

Yes! You must have all your prerequisite courses completed in order to be eligible to begin the Third Year of the program in the fall. No exceptions are made to this policy. If your prerequisite courses are not completed before the start of the fall semester, you will not be able to enter the Third Year in the fall and will need to finish your prerequisite courses before starting the following fall.

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

Applicants are invited to submit their applications at any time. Applications will be considered in batches, with periodic review dates scheduled for the admissions committee to review them. Contact the O.T. department if you would like to know when the next application review date will be.

#### **What are the requirements for admission to your program?**

All our admission requirements are outlined in the BS/MS 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.

**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 certain O.T. 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)