



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (2011-2012)

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program

How long does the program take to complete?

Approximately three years, depending upon the background of your bachelor's degree and how long ago the courses were taken for your previous degree. The first-second years of the program are labeled prerequisite/transfer courses, which are courses that may be transferred in from your previous college coursework. Some students begin their coursework at the Third Year, with all prerequisites completed before starting the program. Others choose to finish the prerequisites on campus and then begin the Third Year. Refer to the curriculum sheet online for more details.

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

Yes. We require that all prerequisite courses be completed in order to be considered for admission to the program. No exceptions are made to this policy. Refer to our Admission Policy & Procedure form for more details.

Can I start the program in the spring instead of the fall?

A student can enter the college at any point of the year in order to take prerequisite courses. However, the only point of entry to begin taking Third Year courses is in the fall.

When is your deadline for submitting the application materials?

Completed applications are reviewed every January 15th and June 15th. 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.

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

Application materials are found on the OT website at 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** 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 and June at the official application reading date.

What are the requirements for admission to your program?

All admission requirements are outlined in the Admission Policy & Procedure form on our website. Please refer to this document 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.

How much does it cost?

Tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$615 per credit.

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

The third and fourth graduate years in the program must be completed on campus so you can learn the hands on skills required to be a successful occupational therapist. All on campus O.T. courses are block scheduled, with students attending just two full days per week with no weekends or evenings required. The Fifth Year of the program is completed online and students can complete these requirements from any location.

How will I know what classes from my bachelor's degree will transfer into Mount Mary?

You can call the Occupational Therapy Department at (414) 256-1246 or email at ot@mtmary.edu and request an informal review of your transcripts.

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?

Classes are held weekdays in a block schedule format. Students attend occupational therapy courses just two days per week. However, completing courses outside of the major (biology, psychology) may require you to attend three days per week. O.T. classes are held during the day and are not held in the evening or on weekends.

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 also send an email to the department at: ot@mtmary.edu.