



Health and Sciences Division

Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy is a dynamic health profession that focuses on redesigning daily occupations to maximize independence in living. It is the science of using “occupation,” meaning activities with specific goals, to help reduce physical and psychosocial disability.

Occupational therapists provide service to individuals of all ages who have physical, developmental or psychosocial deficits. Working as a vital member of a health care team, occupational therapists use purposeful activity in a variety of settings. Occupational therapists may work with people having disabilities such as cardiac or neurological impairments, arthritis, physical injuries, developmental problems or emotional disturbances.

The Occupational Therapy program at Mount Mary College is designed to provide a well-rounded professional education to develop skilled, hands-on practitioners who are client-centered and holistic in their approach to health care.

Combined BS/MS Program

Mount Mary students complete a five-year program leading to a combined Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree (BS/MS). The curriculum provides professional preparation with an emphasis on the liberal arts. The program emphasizes the biological, behavioral, and social sciences.

Students complete a four-year undergraduate program on campus that focuses on individual treatment and then participate in a faculty-arranged fieldwork experience for six months, putting textbook knowledge and theory into practice. Mount Mary’s occupational therapy students benefit from “learning by doing” — by engaging in experiential learning in laboratory settings, both on campus and in clinical situations.

The five-year combined BS/MS program reflects a current trend in the occupational therapy profession. The program provides students increased exposure to concepts in occupational therapy theory and practice, developed in response to changes in health care practice.

Fieldwork Experiences

Fieldwork experiences provide ample opportunities for students to apply their educational background to clinical practice. Concurrent with their fieldwork placement, students access the Internet for distance learning to complete one year of graduate study, focusing on the student’s preferred practice area.

The entire curriculum design is organized around a developmental, educational philosophy with core expectations identified at each level. Mount Mary’s Occupational Therapy Department is committed to educating students who can grow in:

- reflective clinical reasoning
- evidence-based practice
- lifelong learning



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Did you know?

In October 2008, the American Occupational Therapy Association released new information regarding the employment outlook for occupational therapy. The press release headline reads “Occupational Therapy Named One of Nation’s 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs - Occupational Therapy Among the Best Paying, Fastest Growing Jobs.”

Sample courses

Occupational Therapy majors at Mount Mary College are exposed to a broad base of liberal arts based courses, along with specialized occupational therapy courses including:

- Theoretical Principles
- Professional Ethics and Practice
- Clinical Reasoning
- Clinical Problem Solving
- Clinical Specialties (physical medicine; orthopedics; neuroconcepts; neurorehabilitation)
- Advanced Treatment: Work Rehabilitation

Why choose Mount Mary?

- small class sizes
- an experienced faculty dedicated to quality instruction
- a well-respected program offering an excellent placement rate
- fieldwork assignments available in various settings in the Milwaukee area and beyond

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The department strives to offer a solid foundation in ethical and moral principles that will enable students to become advocates for clients within health and social systems. Mount Mary's occupational therapy graduates have gained the necessary background to take their place as well-prepared, effective health care professionals in today's competitive environment.

Faculty

- Jane Olson, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA, Marquette University
- Kathy Alexander, Ed.D., OTR, Cardinal Stritch University
- Stephanie Beisbier, M.S., OTR, Mount Mary College
- Kari C. Inda, Ph.D., OTR, CEAS, Nova Southeastern University

Career Opportunities

Occupational therapists work in settings such as rehabilitation clinics, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, schools, early intervention programs, sheltered workshops and other community agencies. Some occupational therapists establish their own private practice.

Certification

Students must pass a certification exam to obtain a license to practice. The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) develops the examination to certify the attainment of an entry-level knowledge base for practice. A felony or illness that is considered a potential danger to the public may prevent an individual from practice in occupational therapy.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy program has maintained full accreditation since 1941 and provides a professional education resulting in skilled hands-on practitioners who are client-centered and holistic in their approach to health care.

The Occupational Therapy program at Mount Mary College is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) located at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

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Admission

Admission to the Occupational Therapy Department is based upon achieving academic preparation and personal skills appropriate to the demands of the occupational therapy profession. Mount Mary's admission policy specifies minimum criteria and procedures used to determine the eligibility of a candidate. The cumulative grade point for admission is no less than 3.0. Additional admission, retention and graduation criteria are available upon request.



More on the Web

Visit www.mtmary.edu/div_healthandsciences.htm for additional information about the Health and Sciences Division at Mount Mary College and its academic programs and formats:

- Biology (certificate, minor, day)
- Chemistry (certificate, minor, day)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (day)
- Dietetics (graduate, certificate, day)
- Environmental Studies (minor)
- Health Sciences/Pre-professional Studies (certificate, minor, day)
- Nursing (day)
- Occupational Therapy (graduate, day)
- Radiologic Technology (day)

About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

See how Mount Mary's strong academics, small class sizes, safe and vibrant campus, and student organizations and leadership opportunities will help you achieve your personal and career goals. Contact the Admission Office at 800-321-6265 or mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu.

