



## Post-Professional Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **How many credits and courses does it take to complete the program?**

The program includes eight, 3-credit courses and two independent studies (a total of 30 credits). The program can be completed in 1-2 years, depending on the pace the student chooses.

#### **How much will it cost?**

Current tuition costs are posted on Mount Mary's website at this link:

<http://www.mtmary.edu/tuitiongrad.htm>. Students must maintain membership in AOTA. Graduate students are eligible for student loans. Visit the financial aid website for more information: <http://www.mtmary.edu/financialaidoffice.htm>.

#### **Are classes on campus or online?**

All classes are available online and can be completed from any location where Internet access is available. Classes are scheduled in 8-week blocks. Readings and directed postings are assigned for each week. Assignments generally require reflection on practice experiences and relate course readings to client examples. Students complete work at times convenient for them.

#### **How does academic advising happen?**

Each student is assigned to a faculty advisor. Students meet with their advisor by phone or in person to plan a focus area for their course work.

#### **Is there any on-campus requirement?**

Students meet at Mount Mary College for a one-time required residency experience on the Friday before graduation (December or May). At the residency experience, students who are graduating present their culminating project.

#### **What is the culminating project?**

The culminating project is an evidence-based case study report. The goal of the project is to apply theory and evidence to practice by reviewing literature and monitoring a client's progress in order to show the effectiveness of occupational therapy. Post-professional students may elect to do a program effectiveness study. Students complete portions of the project in courses throughout the program. Students are assigned to an occupational therapy faculty member who serves as their project advisor.

#### **What degree do I earn?**

Students earn a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, or M.S. degree.

#### **How do I learn more? How do I apply?**

The Mount Mary website has information for post-professional students, including an online portal to request information and to apply to the College at

<https://my.mtmary.edu/ICS/Admissions/>. You can also contact the occupational therapy department at 414-256-1246 or by email at [mmc-ot@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmc-ot@mtmary.edu) for more information.