

## Admission Policy and Procedures BS/MS Program



The occupational therapy program consists of a combined BS/MS degree in occupational therapy. A student must be formally accepted to Mount Mary College **before** applying to the occupational therapy program.

The department does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, religion, age, ethnic origin or disability. Reasonable accommodation will be used for admission of students with health issues that may affect performance of essential job functions in occupational therapy. The occupational therapy department reserves the right to decline applications to the program due to limitations in space.

### Admission Requirements

#### Academic Preparation:

- Minimum of 30 college credits completed
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in all previous college work (based on a 4.0 grade system)

Because occupational therapy is based on the foundation of communication skills, behavioral sciences and biological sciences, a candidate must demonstrate academic preparation by receiving a grade of:

- B or better in OCT 101: OT Orientation or equivalent
- B or better in OCT 201: Medical Terminology or equivalent
- B or better in SYM 102 College Composition or equivalent
- B or better in all Psychology (PSY) courses
- BC (B- or C+) or better in all Natural Science (BIO) courses

**(All prerequisite courses need to have been completed within the past seven years. If taken prior to seven years ago, they may need to be repeated.)**

#### Personal Skills:

Communication skills and problem solving skills are necessary for occupational therapists. Communication skills include the ability to interact effectively with others. Problem-solving skills include the ability to identify difficulties and generate solutions. The attitudes of altruism and integrity are foundations for developing professional ethical standards. These attitudes include demonstrating genuine interest in helping others and being honest about oneself and others. These skills and attitudes will be demonstrated through completion of the following application materials:

- completion of an application form and narrative questions
- two letters of recommendation
- completion of 4 hours shadowing an occupational therapist (can be met in OCT 101)
- completion of 10 hours of human service
- interview with faculty

**Lack of honesty in application materials will result in the applicant being ineligible for admission.**