



**Shadowing Guidelines:**

For admission to the Mount Mary College Occupational Therapy program, applicants are required to shadow an occupational therapist for a minimum of 4 hours. Shadowing of more than one therapist in more than one setting is permissible. (Example: shadow an occupational therapist in a rehabilitation setting for 2 hours and then shadow an occupational therapist in a nursing home for 2 hours). Shadowing a therapist needs to be completed within two years **prior** to application. COTA's are waived from this criterion.

**Human Service Guidelines:**

A minimum of ten (10) hours of human service is a criterion for admission to the Occupational Therapy program at Mount Mary College. Human service is defined as a paid employment or volunteer experience with an individual(s) not related to the applicant and who may be a potential client for occupational therapy. Human service needs to be completed within two years prior to application to the occupational therapy program. Exceptions will be evaluated by the O.T. Admissions and Retention Committee.