Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Programs of Mount Mary University

Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
Post-Professional Master's in Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapy Post-Professional Doctorate (OTD)

Mount Mary University’s Occupational Therapy Post-Professional Doctorate (OTD) is a part-time, distance learning program designed for practicing occupational therapists – both men and women – who seek to advance their competencies in specialty practice and service delivery. By remaining in the work setting while engaging in advanced education, you will discover problems, explore solutions, expand knowledge and develop skills in a manner that has ongoing real-world application.

Designed to enhance the depth of knowledge and reflective practice, the OTD degree emphasizes the importance of experiential learning. Program participants will complete a portfolio of accomplishments in specialty practice and service delivery. The portfolio is designed to meet the rigorous criteria for American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Board Certification in physical rehabilitation, pediatrics, gerontology and mental health. Graduates in education or leadership are prepared to be faculty and leaders in occupational therapy practice.

OTD Curriculum

By integrating your current professional practice with advanced educational objectives, you will be able to apply your developing skills to address immediate challenges or to reach new goals.

The Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy program is 26 credits and takes 21 months to complete (additional prerequisites may apply).

As a student in the OTD program, you will:

- submit weekly postings critiquing professional literature and relating it to practice
- consult with faculty, who will provide individual feedback on your knowledge, critical analysis and integration of knowledge with practice
- be a part of a learning community made up of supportive professionals and faculty
- collaborate with a practice mentor and faculty adviser to complete focused activities (residency*) in the work setting
- demonstrate your achievement with a campus visit to present your final portfolio

*One residency focuses on specialty practice and one residency focuses on program improvement. Education residencies focus on instruction and course design. Leadership residencies focus on coaching and program development.

Learn more:

mtmary.edu/otd

Occupational Therapy Post-Professional Master’s

The post-professional master’s program in occupational therapy is designed for practicing occupational therapists (OT/OTR) who seek to transition from a bachelor’s to a master’s degree and advance competencies in physical rehabilitation, pediatrics, gerontology, mental health, education or leadership.

The Post-Professional Master’s degree is a 12-credit program, taking nine months to complete on a part-time basis with all courses in a distance-delivery format. The learning experiences are designed to enhance reflection about practice based on occupation, theory and evidence.

As a graduate you will be

- able to critique and create practice alternatives.
- able to communicate evidence of therapeutic efficacy in a preferred practice area.

Learn more about Mount Mary’s Post-Master’s program.

Qualified students are admitted into the post-professional master’s program in occupational therapy using a rolling admission process.

Get started at mtmary.edu/ot-pm

Reflection in Action

Mount Mary University’s post-professional programs are recognized by the Higher Learning Community. The programs provide a professional education resulting in skilled hands-on practitioners who are client-centered and holistic in their approach to health care.

Learn more:

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How To Apply

1. Complete and submit the online application for your program of interest. Applications can be found online at mtmary.edu/apply.

2. Submit the non-refundable application fee. You can submit the payment online by credit card or e-check through CashNet on the MyMountMary portal. Note: the application fee is waived for Mount Mary alumni. If you’re an alumna or alumnus, contact your graduate admission counselor to obtain the waiver code prior to submitting your application.

3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. You will need to contact each institution (typically the registrar’s office) to have your official transcript sent directly to:

   Mount Mary University
   Office for Graduate Education
   2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway
   Milwaukee, WI 53222-4597

4. Complete an interview with the Program Director to discuss the program’s ability to support attainment of the applicant’s professional development goals and identification of any additional prerequisite courses requires for degree completion.

5. Complete a writing sample that addresses professional issues (topic provided by program). Writing is monitored (via Skype or in-person) to authenticate your identity and verify your writing style and ability.

6. Submit copy of current license as an occupational therapist.

7. Submit verification of identity (copy of driver’s license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification).

Why Post-Professional?

Mount Mary’s post-professional degree programs in occupational therapy will prepare you for the highest level positions in the field. Healthcare employers seek professionals with in-depth knowledge in their fields and the capacity to be innovative and lead. Plus, you will have the credentials to advance your career in areas of growing demand including physical rehabilitation, pediatrics, gerontology, mental health education.

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Do I need a residency?

In the doctoral program you will complete focused activities (residency) in your work setting. Your faculty adviser will assist you in finding a faculty and practice mentor who share your professional interests. Together you and your mentors will work through residency experiences, one for your specific practice specialty and another for program improvement. Education residencies focus on instruction and course design. Leadership residencies focus on coaching and program development.
Distance Learning

Mount Mary’s post-professional occupational therapy programs are offered online on a part-time basis applying your knowledge to professional practice. You will be required to come to campus one time to present your culmination of projects.

Customize your experience through remote and online access to faculty, peers and learning resources. About 80% of your online experience will be done individually at a time convenient for you. You will submit a weekly post critiquing professional literature and relating it to your practice. Faculty members will provide individual feedback on your critical analysis and engage in dialog with you about the integration of that knowledge into practice. The other 20% of your online experience will be interacting within peer groups through postings and live communication.

View program technology requirements at:
mtmary.edu/ot-tech

Meet the Faculty

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Contact Information

Additional information about our programs is available at:

Post-Professional Doctorate: mtmary.edu/otd
Post-Professional Masters: mtmary.edu/ot-ppm

If you would like to network with occupational therapy faculty and students, please contact the Office for Graduate Education at (414) 256-1252 or email mmu-gradinfo@mtmary.edu.

Learn more and apply for admission at:
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