



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Shadowing Experience Guidelines

For admission to the Mount Mary University 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 grade school for 2 hours). Shadowing must be completed **within two years** prior to application. OTA's/COTA's are waived from this requirement.

Call the Director of Occupational Therapy of the facility and identify yourself as a student seeking admission to the Mount Mary University Occupational Therapy program. Let them know that shadowing of an occupational therapist is a requirement for admission to the Occupational Therapy program.

Required Verification of Shadowing Experience:

1. **Form A:** The therapist that you shadowed will comment on your punctuality, patient interaction, and professional inquiry. Ask the therapist to complete Form A and return it to you. You will then upload into OTCAS (MMU undergraduate students see below).
2. **Form B:** A one-page summary using Form B is to be completed by the applicant.

***If the shadowing experience is completed at two different locations to total four hours, then applicants must submit two separate shadowing forms of both Form A and Form B for *each* location.

Please upload the completed forms to OTCAS (<https://otcas.liasoncas.com>). Current Mount Mary undergraduate students can contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at mmu-gradinfo@mtmary.edu or (414) 930-3049 for guidance on how to submit this form directly to the university.



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Shadowing Experience Verification – Form A

This is to verify that _____ shadowed an
(applicant's name)
occupational therapist at _____
(facility name and location)
on _____ for a total of _____ hours.
(date/ dates)

Summary Of Student's Experience And Professional Behavior: **Yes** **No**

- Student was punctual in arrival
- Student had the opportunity to observe client treatment
- Student asked questions about treatment observed
- Student acknowledged client(s) (e.g., greeted client)
- Student demonstrated professional inquiry as evidenced by asking therapist questions about career of OT

Additional Comments:

Therapist's name (printed): _____

Therapist's signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for completing this form!

