



Technology Requirements

The Occupational Therapy program provides distance education in select courses of the Professional Entry program, as well as all courses in the Post-Professional program. Distance delivered courses and course materials are accessed through Mount Mary University's password protected Learning Management System, Canvas. The following technology requirements and competencies are required to readily access the learning resources and complete course work:

- Access to desktop or laptop computer (PC-based system) with an updated Windows operating system (If using a Mac, please work with Mount Mary's IT department to obtain assistance related to Mac-specific operating systems and software). Tablets can be used for some class functions.
- The following is recommended to be installed on your device:
 - Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). If using a Mac, must have the ability to submit work in PC compatible formats.
 - PDF reader program
 - Web camera
- Ability to send and receive emails, upload and download documents (.pdf and .docx files)
- Ability to independently use a search engine (such as Google) to locate information and websites on the Internet. Ability to click on links to navigate websites.
- Ability to use a word processing program to create documents and format documents.
- Ability to create slide presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Access to the Internet
- Word processing skills

Online courses have definite advantages and disadvantages that impact a student's approach to learning. The biggest advantage is that students may complete most work at any time of day or night. Students may also complete work from any location that has Internet access. From a learning standpoint, a definite advantage is that every student gets an equal opportunity to contribute to discussions.

The biggest disadvantage is that students work independently to complete assignments. Students need to be self-directed and take initiative to ask questions and collaborate with others. Students who do not have basic keyboarding skills will need to plan additional time to acquire this skill.

MMU Tech Support Options

Sometimes it can be hard to decide who to contact with a problem. Your professors can provide assistance and give advice about who to contact for additional support. The MMU IT Services Help Desk is also available for support at mmu-helpdesk@mtmary.edu or (414) 930-3048.
