

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How long can I take to complete the Degree?** The 30 credit Degree may be completed in as few as 2 years (5 semesters –completing 2 classes per semester) or up to a maximum of 3 years.
- **Can I take more than 1 class per semester?** Yes, you may complete up to 3 classes per semester in the fall and spring and up to 4 classes in the summer.
- **When can I start?** Students may begin any semester.
- **What kind of computer access do I need?**
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- **Can these courses be applied towards the 36 Professional Development Units required by NBCOT for Certification renewal?** Many of the courses in the Master's degree can be applied to the PDU's required by NBCOT. According to NBCOT, all content being offered for PDU credit must be relevant to the practice of occupational therapy. All courses in the Master's degree program designated either OT or HP meet this requirement. A 3 credit graduate level course earns 30 Professional Development Units (PDU).
- **Can I take individual classes or must I complete the entire degree?** You may take individual classes, but space may be limited to practitioners intending to complete the degree. Strong preference is given to those who register early and commit to the Degree.
- **What type of credits am I earning?** All courses are graduate level courses.
- **What can I expect in class size?** Class size is between 10-20 students.
- **What types of Financial Aid are available to me?** In order to be considered for financial assistance, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credits per semester. Students with a bachelor's degree are not eligible for federal or state grant money. An alumni discount is available to Misericordia University degree or certificate holders. However, federal loan money is available.
- **How does employer reimbursement or payment work?** A tuition reimbursement letter stating the terms of the benefit, from the employer must be on file prior to registration. This payment plan permits tuition and fees to be paid up to thirty (30) days after the issuance of grades instead of at the time of registration. It is the responsibility of the student, not the employer to ensure that payment is made. Students receiving only partial tuition benefits must make arrangements to pay the costs that are not covered by the employer at the time of registration.
- **Who can help me if I have questions?** For information on the Post-Professional Masters of Occupational Therapy, please contact: Dr. Ellen McLaughlin, 570-674-6399 or e-mail emclaugh@misericordia.edu
- **What areas of specialization are offered?** Students may choose to apply 12 elective credits to Pediatric, Geriatric or an Interdisciplinary concentration.