

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed application form (found at [apply.mercyhurst.edu](http://apply.mercyhurst.edu))
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions sent directly to Mercyhurst
- Three letters of recommendation
- A resume or curriculum vitae
- A 300- to 500-word essay outlining your personal, professional and educational goals.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or GMAT

## FEES & FINANCIAL FACTS

While graduate students are not eligible for Pell and PHEAA grants, they are eligible for educational loans and must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The annual maximum loan amount available is \$20,500. Please be aware you will not qualify for loans if you have reached your lifetime aggregate loan limit of \$138,500.

If you are eligible for tuition assistance from your employer, a deferment program is available and allows you to defer your tuition and fees until the end of the term when your employer reimburses you. No interest will be charged on deferred tuition. Tuition deferment forms must be completed and are available at the Office of Graduate Studies.

Information regarding veterans' benefits may be obtained by contacting our veterans' coordinator, Jay Breneman, at (814) 824-2617, or by e-mail at [jbreneman2@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:jbreneman2@mercyhurst.edu).

Mercyhurst University also offers the option of a payment plan with 10 monthly installments through Tuition Management Systems. There is a \$50 enrollment fee.

## GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

The University offers two programs for graduate students: Graduate Assistantships and Graduate Employment. Positions are limited and are not guaranteed. Each program requires at least 25 hours of work per week at a location on campus. Graduate students must attend Mercyhurst on a full-time basis in order to be eligible for graduate employment.

## APPLY ONLINE FOR FREE!

Visit [apply.mercyhurst.edu](http://apply.mercyhurst.edu) to submit your free electronic application.

## CONTACT US

Graduate Admissions can be reached at: (814) 824-3351 or [grad@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:grad@mercyhurst.edu)



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# Graduate Studies

## Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

### Concentration in Nonprofit Leadership and Management

## WHY STUDY NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT?

America's nonprofit sector is one of the largest, fastest growing and most unique applications of leadership and management. There are currently 1.9 million registered nonprofits in the United States, and many of them are so different from public sector organizations in both form and function that experts agree that they should be studied separately from their for-profit counterparts. While the nonprofit sector has experienced remarkable growth, its individual organizations are often under budgetary pressure to become increasingly efficient and effective. Skilled leadership provides the best hope for the long-term viability of nonprofit organizations.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership (OL) with a concentration in nonprofit leadership and management is a 33-credit program designed to meet the unique leadership needs of the nonprofit sector. This program is open to individuals currently working in or wishing to enter any type of nonprofit organization, including human services, cultural, educational, community development, arts, religious or others. The curriculum helps to develop a student's knowledge and skills in areas such as leadership, marketing and public relations, fundraising, grant writing, board relations and financial management.

Designed to meet the needs and schedules of working students, the program can be completed in two years. Courses are offered in the evenings to accommodate the working professional.

Mercyhurst also offers a 12-credit graduate certificate in nonprofit management. The certificate program is especially useful for professionals who already have a master's degree.

## OL VS. MBA?

While the MBA emphasizes management and administrative functions within an organization (the primary focus being on order and consistency), Mercyhurst's Organizational Leadership Master of Science degree emphasizes professional leadership, while concentrating on vision and empowerment.

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The OL program challenges students to synthesize contemporary scholarship with insight from our service-oriented, ethically based heritage. The purpose of the organizational leadership graduate program is to inspire our students to become exemplary leaders in service to others.

For more information, visit [mercyhurst.edu/OL](http://mercyhurst.edu/OL)