Graduate Studies

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Concentration in Accounting

WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING?

We study accounting because it is an important language of both businesses and nonprofits. In this field, professionals account for and analyze financial performance and, in turn, communicate this information to key decision makers. Solid accounting and financial information is essential; for that reason, we aim to develop professional accountants who become key members of upper management by virtue of their expertise and contributions to the organization.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership (OL) with a concentration in accounting is a 33-credit program designed to provide key knowledge to prepare a student to pass the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. In addition, students gain invaluable knowledge in the area of leadership that will prepare them for a leadership role in a business or organization.

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 accounting. The goal of the certificate is to prepare students to be successful professionals in the dynamic field of accounting.

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*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed application form (found at *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.*

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* to submit your free electronic application.

CONTACT US

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

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

graduate.mercyhurst.edu