Information for School Counselors and Enrollment Partners

mercyhurst.edu/counselors
Mercyhurst University is a fully accredited, four-year, Catholic, liberal arts institution originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1926. In the past 90+ years, Mercyhurst has earned a reputation as a thriving, cutting-edge university equipped with the academic programs, learning facilities, and faculty to deliver a quality 21st century education.

Today, we are home to more than 3,000 students, offering more than 50 undergraduate majors and more than 100 concentrations and minors. In addition, we offer unique adult programs and 12 master’s programs.

Our 75-acre main campus is located on a wooded hillside in Erie, Pennsylvania, overlooking beautiful Lake Erie. We’re approximately 100 miles from Cleveland, Ohio, and Buffalo, New York, and 130 miles north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RANKINGS

U.S. News & World Report, Best Value in the North Region, 2018-19
U.S. News & World Report, Top-Tier University in the North Region, 2018-19
Money magazine, Best Colleges for Your Money, 2017-18
Money magazine, Top 50 Most Affordable Private Colleges in the Nation, 2015-16
Catholic College of Distinction (five consecutive years)
President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Green Power Partnership

ACCREDITATIONS

The Pennsylvania Department of Education
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
The Council on Social Work Education
The Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
National Association of Schools of Dance
The National Athletic Trainers Association
The American Physical Therapy Association
The National Association of Schools of Music
International Assembly of Collegiate Business Educators

CROSS-APPLICANT INSTITUTIONS

Allegheny College
Baldwin-Wallace College
Canisius College
Duquesne University
Gannon University
John Carroll University
Miami University (Ohio)
Niagara University
Ohio University
Penn State University
University of Dayton
2019 FRESHMAN PROFILE

Applications: 4,100  
Admits: 2,950  
Freshman class: 609*  
Average GPA: 3.54  
Middle 50 percent SAT: 1030

* Traditional, first-time freshmen as of Sept. 1, 2019.  
^ of those students who identify a faith tradition

FRESHMAN GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

• 27 states represented  
  Top states represented: Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio  
• 16 countries represented

STUDENTS AND COURSES

Undergraduate enrollment: 3,000  
Full-time graduate students: 300  
Average class size: 20 students

All courses are taught by faculty, not graduate or teaching assistants.
APPLYING TO MERCYHURST

Applying to Mercyhurst is **free and easy**. Here’s what’s required from all applicants:

- Completed application, available at [apply.mercyhurst.edu](http://apply.mercyhurst.edu)
- Self-reported high school grades
- Personal statement or writing sample

Mercyhurst also accepts the Common Application or the Coalition Application. Letters of recommendation and/or official high school transcripts may be required from some applicants. Auditions are required for students applying to the Dance or Music programs. TOEFL and/or SAT are required of international students.

Mercyhurst is a test-optional university and does not require applicants to submit scores from standardized tests such as the SAT or the ACT. SAT or ACT scores are strongly recommended for merit-based scholarship consideration.

To expedite admissions decisions, Mercyhurst accepts self-reported high school grades on the undergraduate application. Admissions decisions are contingent on verification of the student’s academic record; most admitted students will be required to submit final high school transcripts before enrolling.

Mercyhurst accepts students on a rolling basis.

- Our recommended application deadline is March 1.
- Offers of admission are released on a weekly basis beginning in late September.
- Admitted students are strongly encouraged to confirm enrollment by May 1.

Enrollment deposit is $250 (nonrefundable).

CAMPUS VISITS

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to visit campus when classes are in session. We host several open houses and preview days throughout the year, and personal campus visits are available Monday through Friday. Go to [mercyhurst.edu/visit](http://mercyhurst.edu/visit) for details.

START EARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

Mercyhurst partners with RaiseMe to offer high school students the opportunity to start earning micro-scholarships during their high school years. As early as freshman year in high school, your students can earn scholarship money for achievements in academics, sports, clubs, volunteer activities, and more. For students who enroll at Mercyhurst, the earned money will convert to scholarships, representing the minimum amount of financial aid they’ll receive in college. Students can get started at [raise.me/join/mercyhurst](http://raise.me/join/mercyhurst).

ACCELERATED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Designed for high-achieving high school juniors, the Accelerated Scholars Program provides students the opportunity to earn a semester’s worth of college credits by taking authentic Mercyhurst courses during their junior and senior years in high school.

Students enroll in online Mercyhurst courses taught exclusively by esteemed faculty, earn transferrable college credits, and make modest monthly payments automatically charged to a credit or debit card. In addition, the credits may be eligible for dual enrollment at the student’s high school. Finally, students who later enroll at Mercyhurst will be eligible for a scholarship that effectively covers the costs associated with Accelerated Scholars. This means students can complete an entire semester of coursework before ever setting foot on campus while paying less for a college degree. Learn more at [mercyhurst.edu/accelerated-scholars](http://mercyhurst.edu/accelerated-scholars).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit Mercyhurst’s webpage for school counselors and enrollment partners, [mercyhurst.edu/counselors](http://mercyhurst.edu/counselors), for more information, including downloadable handouts for your students. Your school’s admissions representative is available to answer any questions, provide more information, or schedule a visit to your location. Check out [mercyhurst.edu/admissions-staff](http://mercyhurst.edu/admissions-staff) to find the counselor responsible for your region. You can also contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@mercyhurst.edu or 814-824-2202.