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**Information for School Counselors
and Enrollment Partners**



MERCYHURST
UNIVERSITY

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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 60 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, 2021-22
- U.S. News & World Report*, Top-Tier University in the North Region, 2020-21
- 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 (seven consecutive years)
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership
- Purple Heart University Designation

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

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

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Accounting	Exercise Science	Music Education
Anthropology/Archaeology	Fashion Merchandising	Music Performance
Applied Forensic Sciences	Finance	Music Therapy
Applied Sociology	French	Philosophy
Art Education	French Education	Physics
Art Therapy	Geology	Political Science
Biochemistry	Graphic Design	Pre-Athletic Training
Biology	History	Pre-professional health care tracks (medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, etc.)
Business and Competitive Intelligence	Hospitality Management	Psychology
Business Economics	Human Resource Management	Public Health
Chemistry	Integrated Media and Strategic Communication	Religious Studies
Criminal Justice	Intelligence Studies	Russian Studies
Cyber Security	Interior Architecture and Design	Social Work
Dance	International Business	Spanish
Data Science	Management	Spanish Education
Early Childhood Education	Marketing	Sport Business Management
Early Childhood/Special Education	Mathematics	Sports Medicine
English	Music	Studio Art
Environmental Science	Music Composition	

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Biology	Hospitality Management/Culinary Arts	Police Academy
Business Administration	Liberal Arts	Practical Nursing (LPN)
Criminal Justice	Nursing (RN)	Respiratory Therapist
Health Studies	Physical Therapist Assistant	

2021 FRESHMAN PROFILE

Applications: 4,100	Middle 50 percent ACT: 25
Admits: 3,000	15 percent identify as persons of color
Freshman class: 620*	5 percent international
Average GPA: 3.55	50 percent identify as Roman Catholic [^]
Middle 50 percent SAT: 1140	

* Traditional, first-time freshmen as of Sept. 1, 2021. | [^] of those students who identify a faith tradition

FRESHMAN GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

- 30 states represented
Top states represented:
Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio
- 17 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
- 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 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.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit Mercyhurst's webpage for school counselors and enrollment partners, 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 to find the counselor responsible for your region. You can also contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@mercyhurst.edu or **814-824-2201**.