

**Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Director  
Full-time Faculty Position  
Mercyhurst North East  
Zurn College of Natural and Health Sciences**

**Position Summary**

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Mercyhurst North East (MNE) is seeking a full-time faculty member – rank (instructor/lecturer/senior lecturer) dependent upon qualification and experience of the candidate – to serve as Program Director of the associate degree Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. (non-tenure track, 9-month appointment). Appointment begins August 15, 2019.

**Salary:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and professional experience.

**Expectation/Responsibilities**

Responsible for the overall operation and function of the MNE Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. This position requires the integration of skills exemplary of faculty members, as well as those skills evident in experienced Occupational Therapy practitioners. Job functions include the development of curriculum and maintenance of the accreditation process; teach undergraduate courses within the OTA program; plan, direct and supervise the delivery of OTA education in both the classroom and clinical environments; maintain and ensure compliance with the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) standards and guidelines. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to, advise and mentor OTA students; recruitment of OTA students; remain current in best practices and current issues/trends within the profession; and work cooperatively and collaboratively with the faculty within the College, and University; and fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities within the University faculty handbook.

**Qualifications**

**Required:**

- Master's Degree Required, Doctorate Preferred (ABD considered)
- Evidence of 1 year of teaching experience
- Evidence of a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience in occupational therapy with diverse populations
- NBCOT certification and eligibility for Pennsylvania licensure
- Ability to demonstrate a commitment to work effectively with students, faculty, and staff from variety of diverse settings and backgrounds.

**Preferred:**

- Experience in evidence-based practice, outcomes assessment, and/or policy development
- Evidence of successful experience managing clinical education within occupational therapy
- Familiarity and applied knowledge with ACOTE accreditation standards.

**About the Program/University**

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program looks to provide students the best and most cutting-edge learning experience possible. Between hours of hands-on clinical experiences, classroom learning with state-of-the-art equipment, and faculty dedicated to whole-person discovery and development, our graduates leave with the most fulfilling educational experience and the skills to lead a successful professional life.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, the University has a strong emphasis on service to the community, social justice and community involvement as part of its enduring Mercy mission. As a branch campus, Mercyhurst North East stands as an opportunity and career college whose purpose is to prepare students to successfully manage future academic, career and life challenges. Located in North East, Pennsylvania, along the shores of Lake Erie, Mercyhurst North East is comprised of 14 buildings situated on 84 acres just a few blocks from the town's center with its traditional architecture and small-town atmosphere.

### **Application Process**

Application materials should be sent to the attention of Dr. Michael Elnitsky, Dean of the Zurn College of Natural and Health Sciences at [melnitsky@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:melnitsky@mercyhurst.edu). Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Elnitsky.

To receive full consideration for this position, please submit the following:

- A letter of application addressing qualifications in the position description
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of teaching philosophy
- Names of three professional references

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States. Mercyhurst University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that encourages members of diverse groups to apply.