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**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
HEALTH AND NATURAL SCIENCES**

**MERCY
COLLEGE**

FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION TO GET AHEAD

MERCY COLLEGE'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND NATURAL SCIENCES

The School of Health and Natural Sciences is dedicated to preparing students to use their knowledge and abilities not only in the classroom, but also in their careers to be compassionate and caring health care providers.

We are committed to providing premier health and natural science programs to equip students with everything they need intellectually, technically and professionally to excel and advance as health care providers, health promotion experts or science/health educators.

- ▶ *State-of-the-art facilities and labs*
- ▶ *A professional network of leading health care providers and facilities*
- ▶ *Flexible degree programs offered in Dobbs Ferry and online*
- ▶ *Expert faculty with professional experience*

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Science in
Communication Disorders

Master of Science in
Nursing Administration

Master of Science in
Nursing Education

Master of Science in
Occupational Therapy

Master of Science in
Physician Assistant Studies

Doctorate of
Physical Therapy

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Joan Toglia has over 30 years of experience in neuro rehabilitation, working in acute, rehabilitation and outpatient settings with adults with acquired brain injury and other neurological disorders. Recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in the rehabilitation of persons with cognitive and perceptual deficits, Toglia has presented over 300 workshops throughout the US, Canada, Israel, Hong Kong, Argentina, Chile, Sweden and the Netherlands. She has authored or co-authored over 50 publications in the area of cognitive rehabilitation. Toglia completed her occupational therapy education at New York University. She also has a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Measurement and Evaluation from Teachers College of Columbia University.



COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

By earning a Master of Science in Communication Disorders that combines a challenging and rewarding curriculum, with real-world working experience, students are prepared to meet the increasing industry job demands and practice professional speech-language pathology.

The program incorporates clinical education into the curriculum, exposes students to real-work settings and includes experiences both at the on-site Speech and Hearing Center and in over 150 metropolitan area facilities. Students evaluate and treat people of varying ages and cultural/linguistic backgrounds who display a variety of communication disorders.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Speech-Language Pathologist
- ▶ Speech and Hearing Scientists
 - Language Scientists
 - NYS Education Department Teacher of Students with Speech-Language Disabilities (TSSLD)[†]

[†]This certification requires a master's degree in Communication Disorders and additional academic and clinical experience, workshop attendance in education, and completion of a student teaching experience prior to the application to the New York State Education Department.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Graduates have had a **100 PERCENT PASS RATE** on the National Certification Exam (Praxis) for the past four years.
- ▶ 59-credit program, which can be completed in two years and one summer for full-time students.
- ▶ Faculty of speech-language pathologists and audiologists who are active in the field and nationally recognized for their expertise.
- ▶ Program is offered in Dobbs Ferry, with an on-site Speech and Hearing Center.



Today's health care faces many challenging needs and Mercy College is preparing students to meet those challenges and build careers in nursing. There are two options for nursing master's degrees – nursing administration and nursing education.

NURSING ADMINISTRATION

Nurse administrators are prepared for administrative positions and for interprofessional practice in today's complex, changing and dynamic health care environment. Application of advanced nursing management principles is applied in the final practicum course.

NURSING EDUCATION

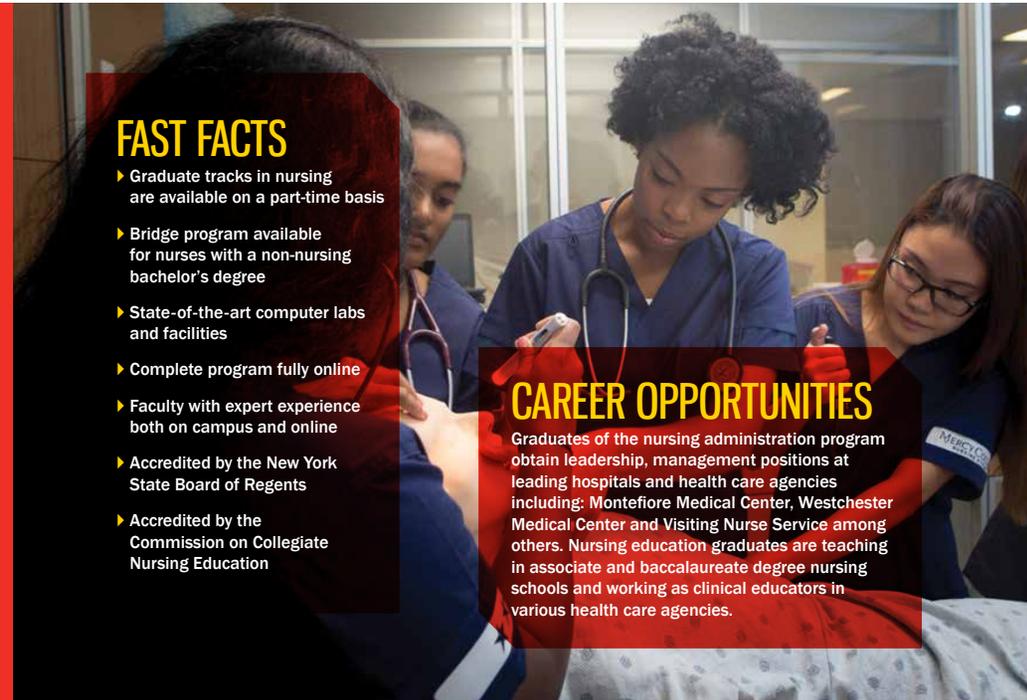
Nurse educators are prepared for faculty positions in associate and baccalaureate degree programs, and for staff development positions in health care organizations. Students are prepared to use state-of-the-art technology in the planning, implementing and delivery of educational programs. Application of advanced nursing education principles is applied in the final practicum course.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Graduate tracks in nursing are available on a part-time basis
- ▶ Bridge program available for nurses with a non-nursing bachelor's degree
- ▶ State-of-the-art computer labs and facilities
- ▶ Complete program fully online
- ▶ Faculty with expert experience both on campus and online
- ▶ Accredited by the New York State Board of Regents
- ▶ Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the nursing administration program obtain leadership, management positions at leading hospitals and health care agencies including: Montefiore Medical Center, Westchester Medical Center and Visiting Nurse Service among others. Nursing education graduates are teaching in associate and baccalaureate degree nursing schools and working as clinical educators in various health care agencies.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy prepares students for an endlessly rewarding career in occupational therapy. The program incorporates discussions, group problem solving and problem based learning to give students a variety of learning methods and encompasses Mercy's "learning by doing" philosophy.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Graduates of the Occupational Therapy program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Occupational therapists work in a variety of different settings such as: hospitals, rehabilitation centers, regional schools and elsewhere where they help clients transform their lives. Occupational therapists help people with spinal cord injuries, cancer, strokes, autism, cerebral palsy or developmental problems and many other conditions and illnesses.

Many of the OT alumni hold leadership roles where they work, and have returned to the program as PBL facilitators, teaching associates, guest lecturers and lab assistants.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Published, nationally recognized faculty with expert experience
- ▶ Full-time, weekend curriculum format. Course work may be completed in seven trimesters (two years, four months)
- ▶ 100 percent of students who are seeking employment are employed within three months of graduation*
- ▶ Strong national exam pass rates

*According to annual alumni survey data.

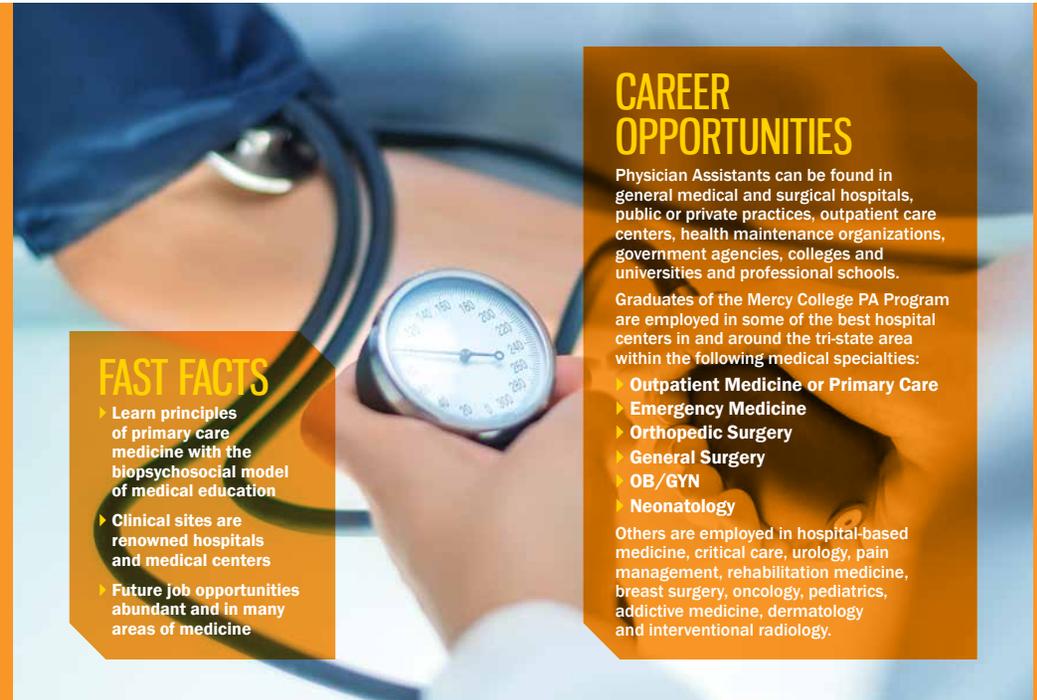


PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is a full-time program designed to prepare students for an exciting, growing and rewarding career. In fact, careers as a physician assistant are expected to rise by 30 percent through 2024*, that's much faster than the average for all careers. By graduation, students will be knowledgeable in many areas of medicine. This wide range of expertise will assist graduates in providing complete patient care, both preventive and curative, while collaborating as a necessary and important component of the health care team.

The Physician Assistant Program at Mercy College embodies the principles of primary care medicine. Physician assistant students learn to incorporate knowledge from biologic science, while integrating psychological and social factors with population/community-based medicine in order to deliver comprehensive primary health care to best serve the community. Graduates of the program obtain positions in a wide-range of medical specialties.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Physician Assistants can be found in general medical and surgical hospitals, public or private practices, outpatient care centers, health maintenance organizations, government agencies, colleges and universities and professional schools.

Graduates of the Mercy College PA Program are employed in some of the best hospital centers in and around the tri-state area within the following medical specialties:

- ▶ **Outpatient Medicine or Primary Care**
- ▶ **Emergency Medicine**
- ▶ **Orthopedic Surgery**
- ▶ **General Surgery**
- ▶ **OB/GYN**
- ▶ **Neonatology**

Others are employed in hospital-based medicine, critical care, urology, pain management, rehabilitation medicine, breast surgery, oncology, pediatrics, addictive medicine, dermatology and interventional radiology.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ **Learn principles of primary care medicine with the biopsychosocial model of medical education**
- ▶ **Clinical sites are renowned hospitals and medical centers**
- ▶ **Future job opportunities abundant and in many areas of medicine**

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Physical Therapy Doctoral program at Mercy College is committed to providing a unique opportunity for students with diverse backgrounds and social situations to pursue a doctoral degree in physical therapy. The program is delivered in a weekend format and provides a setting for the motivated, self-directed student to utilize critical thinking and problem solving to incorporate theoretical knowledge into a variety of clinical and research applications.

Physical Therapists (PTs) diagnose and treat people of all ages with medical problems or health-related conditions that limit their ability to perform functional activities in their daily lives. PTs also help to prevent conditions associated with loss of mobility through fitness and wellness programs designed to promote healthy and active lifestyles. PTs provide care in a variety of settings, including, hospitals, clinics, schools and sports facilities.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Full-time, weekend curriculum format. Course work may be completed in 10 trimesters (three years, four months)
- ▶ Dedicated faculty comprised of physical therapists with various specializations who still practice
- ▶ Small cohort class
- ▶ Individual faculty advisers for each student
- ▶ Clinical internship opportunities available at over 200 facilities in the tri-state metropolitan area



BOOMING JOB GROWTH THROUGH 2024*

A graduate degree in health and natural sciences allows you to explore your passion and change lives through your work. Our programs in communication disorders, nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies or physical therapy will prepare you to meet the ever increasing demands on our health care system and advance your career.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Physical Therapy	34%
Physician Assistant	30%
Occupational Therapy	27%
Communication Disorders	21%
Nursing Administration	17%
Nursing Education	13%
Average Job Growth	7%

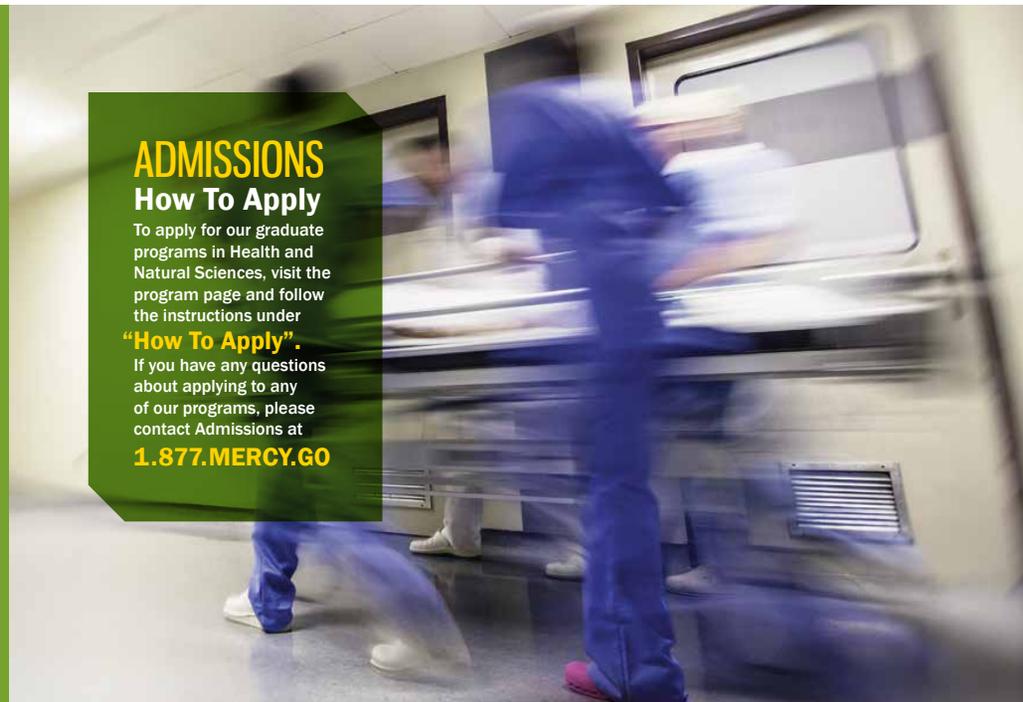
ADMISSIONS How To Apply

To apply for our graduate programs in Health and Natural Sciences, visit the program page and follow the instructions under

“How To Apply”.

If you have any questions about applying to any of our programs, please contact Admissions at

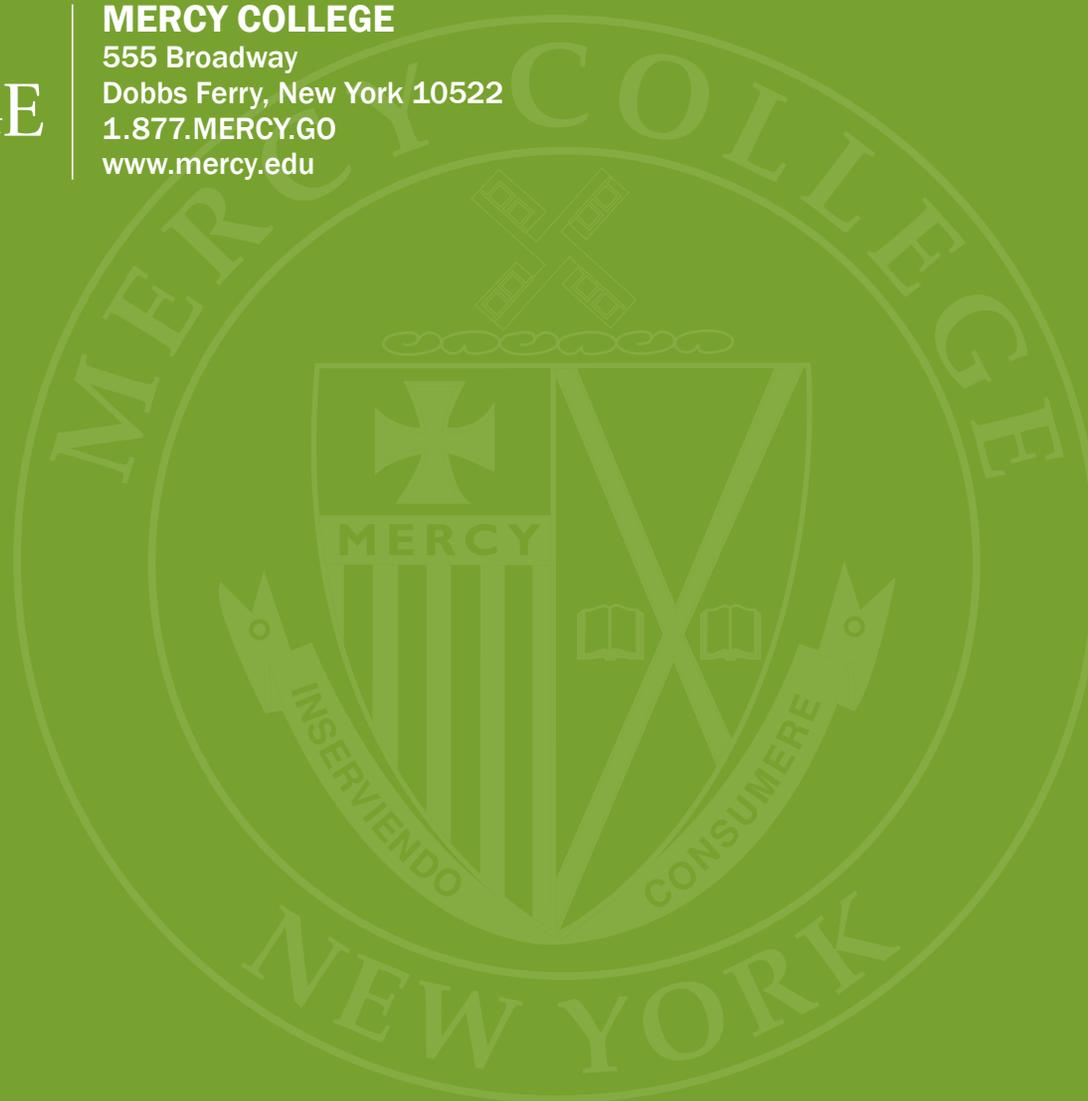
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