

2023-2024

PARENTS GUIDE



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UNIVERSITY®





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I extend my greetings to all the parents and families who have a high school student who is considering Misericordia University as one of their college choices. Selecting and investing in a university experience is certainly a complex process including many factors; however, I feel confident that our university has distinct advantages for many incoming students.

Although 2021 is my first year as president, it is clear to me that Misericordia is committed to the success and happiness of each student in a way that is more complete than other institutions. I have come to learn that one of our greatest differentiators is our culture which fosters powerful educational relationships among students, faculty, and staff that lead to professional competence as well as exceptional collaborative abilities and social skills.

Our faculty will challenge your son or daughter to fulfill their goals while providing the support they need to attain them. With each student, it is our objective to deliver a hands-on, personal experience in a safe, caring environment. Just as you want your student to have the support to excel in all of their endeavors, so do we. Again, like you, we want our students to be prepared for life and to make the most of their potential.

Misericordia University provides opportunities for its students to explore their interests and use their talents to enrich their lives and the lives of others. We have served our students in this way for nearly 100 years, with high quality, values-based academics and an environment where students' abilities and skills are fully developed. So sure are we of the effectiveness of a Misericordia education that our Guaranteed Career Placement Program is available to all full-time, first-year students. It is this guarantee of success that sets us apart from other colleges and universities.

Please take the time to review this material as you consider Misericordia University. We hope you visit our website at admissions.misericordia.edu to view student and faculty profiles, read the latest news, blogs, and "tweets," and learn more about most aspects of life at Misericordia. And we do try to have a little fun among all the hard work, so you can get a glimpse of that through my President's Twitter account [@PresDanMyersMU](https://twitter.com/PresDanMyersMU) and on Tik Tok [@PresDanMyersMU](https://www.tiktok.com/@PresDanMyersMU).

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Regards,



Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D.
President

GET TO KNOW MU



FOUNDED IN 1924 BY THE
SISTERS OF MERCY
DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA



100% OF FRESHMAN
RECEIVED **FINANCIAL**
AID IN 2021



LOCATED ON
128 ACRES IN SUBURBAN
DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA;
2 HOURS FROM NEW YORK CITY
AND PHILADELPHIA

84%

84% 2019-2020
1ST TO 2ND YEAR
RETENTION RATE



TOTAL FALL 2021
ENROLLMENT OF 2,240;
1,663 FULL-TIME STUDENTS

GPA

3.36 2019-2020
AVERAGE GPA
26 STATES REPRESENTED



50+ ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



MORE THAN **40 CLUBS**
AND **ORGANIZATIONS**

10:1

STUDENT-FACULTY
RATIO



26 SPORTS
FOR MEN AND WOMEN
INCLUDING ESPORTS



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
18 STUDENTS



MISERICORDIA COMPETES
IN **NCAA DIVISION III**

STUDENT SERVICES

SUPPORT OF AN ENTIRE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

At Misericordia University, students have the support of an entire campus community. From writing assistance to professional counseling, there are always resources available to ensure that our students have a healthy and positive college experience.

- Insalaco Center for Professional Development and Leadership
- Health and Wellness Center
- Student Success Center
- Writing Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center
- Office for Students with Disabilities
- Multicultural Office



PASS RATES

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

100% in Sonography Physics and Instrumentation

100% in Obstetrics and Gynecology

87.5% in Abdominal Sonography

MEDICAL IMAGING

92% pass rate on first attempt of A.R.R.T. exam (5-year average)

NURSING

88.57% on the NCLEX-RN (2021)
(pass rates remain above the state board benchmark)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

98% on the NBCOT 2021

PHYSICAL THERAPY

95.75% first-time pass rate on the NPTE
(2019 & 2020)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

100% on the Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology
(100% pass rate consecutively since 2014)

TEACHER EDUCATION

95% pass rate for Early Childhood (PK-4)

90% pass rate for Special Education (PK-8)

100% pass rate for Graduate Reading Specialist program



MAJORS

Misericordia offers majors through three colleges: College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business, and College of Health Sciences and Education

ACCOUNTING

BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY *

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING

MANAGEMENT

MARKETING

MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

CHEMISTRY *

CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DATA SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD

SPECIAL EDUCATION

GENERAL SCIENCE

MIDDLE LEVEL

ENGLISH *

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

HEALTH SCIENCE: EXERCISE SCIENCE

HEALTH SCIENCE: MEDICAL SCIENCE

HEALTH SCIENCE: PATIENT NAVIGATION



HISTORY *

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MASS COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN

MATHEMATICS *

MEDICAL & HEALTH HUMANITIES

MEDICAL IMAGING

NURSING

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICAL THERAPY

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PSYCHOLOGY

SOCIAL WORK

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

SPORT MANAGEMENT

STATISTICS

UNDECLARED

PRE-DENTISTRY OPTION

PRE-LAW OPTION

PRE-MEDICINE OPTION

PRE-OPTOMETRY OPTION

PRE-VETERINARY OPTION

* SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION

WE TAKE YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH & SAFETY VERY SERIOUSLY



The Health & Wellness Center is under the direction of a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner who treats both acute and chronic medical conditions. Our staff is dedicated to the health and wellness needs of our students with our goal being to provide the best possible evidence-based health care in a manner which is competent, compassionate, confidential and timely.

misericordia.edu/studenthealth

Our uniformed campus safety officers patrol the campus twenty-four hours a day by foot and vehicle. The campus has numerous emergency phones which dial directly to the Campus Safety office.

This office is staffed twenty-four hours a day by a safety officer who is responsible for radio dispatching and emergency notification. Our residence halls are also locked twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

misericordia.edu/safetyhandbook

COUGAR STRONG!



A big part of the Misericordia experience is getting involved in sports either as a player or a spectator. We take much pride in our recently renovated athletics facilities that provide MU's student-athletes with some of the finest competition venues in the region.

Misericordia competes in NCAA Division III in 25 Sports for men & women. MU is a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference and MAC Freedom.

BASEBALL**

BASKETBALL

CHEERLEADING*

CROSS COUNTRY

ESPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY*

FOOTBALL**

GOLF

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

LACROSSE

SOCCER

SOFTBALL*

SWIMMING

TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD

VOLLEYBALL

* Women's ** Men's

WE'RE ALL ABOUT THE FOOD!

DINING SERVICES

Not only do we cater to different tastes and diets, we also believe in the importance of good, quality food. We strive to serve a varied menu daily, with all the staples from home you can count on. We are pleased to offer a variety of foods which include homemade dishes, low-fat, vegetarian, gluten-free, and vegan items while at the same time offering many of the latest trends.

DINING OPTIONS

■ John and Mary Metz Dining Hall

Located in the Banks Student Life Center, resident students and commuters alike join in the Dining Hall for “all-you-care-to-eat”



breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Students with a large variety of tastes and diets will have no problem choosing something from one of our seven dining stations.

■ InterMetzo Café

Located within Insalaco Hall, the Intermetzo Cafe is home to unique hot and cold items that are not available anywhere else on campus!

■ Health Science Building Kiosk

Health Science students and faculty have the convenience of our Health Science kiosk for delicious breakfast, lunch, and snack options. Each day, a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, snacks, and drinks are available for purchase.

■ Poblano's



Poblano's serves up an extensive selection of burritos, tacos, and quesadillas. Feast on nachos with guacamole or fresh salsa, authentic Mexican rice and beans, and so much more.

■ Starbucks

Located in the Banks Student Life Center, we proudly serve a full line of Starbucks beverages, including hot and cold coffee, espresso, tea, and Frappuccinos®.



■ Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A, at the Banks Student Life Center, has set itself apart by pioneering innovations and delicious products—including the ever-popular Chick-fil-A® Chicken Sandwich and Mac & Cheese.



NOT TO BRAG, BUT ...NATIONAL RECOGNITION



2022 THE PRINCETON REVIEW

Best in the Northeast section of its website feature, 2022 Best Colleges Region by Region

2022 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Ranked among the best national universities.

2020–2021 MONEY MAGAZINE'S BEST COLLEGES LIST

The second highest ranked college or university in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.

2019 COLLEGE CONSENSUS

No. 17 of Best Regional Universities - North

No. 18 in a list of the top 25 Best Online Colleges and Universities

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Misericordia's 4-year graduation rate ranks 9th in the nation for residential private colleges in 2019 report.

WALL STREET JOURNAL AND TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

Ranked among its 2022 Top U.S. Colleges

A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY THAT IS ALSO AFFORDABLE

As a small, private institution, Misericordia delivers many benefits to its students.

We want you to take advantage of every opportunity available to afford the best education possible. Through a combination of grants and scholarships, students can significantly decrease their student debt and maximize their future potential.

- Merit Award
- Achievement Award
- Legacy Award
- Sr. Mary Glennon '62 (full-tuition) Scholarships
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
- 120 Endowed Scholarships



MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY
MAINTAINS THE **LOWEST**
TUITION RATES FOR A PRIVATE
UNIVERSITY IN NORTHEAST PA



**86% OF FINANCIAL
NEED** WAS MET FOR
FRESHMEN IN 2019-2020

PROGRAMS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GUARANTEED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (GPP)

The GPP offers students a paid internship in their field if they are not employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation. (terms & conditions apply)

misericordia.edu/gpp

ALTERNATIVE LEARNERS PROGRAM (ALP)

With a dedicated professional staff that includes highly-qualified full-time program coordinators, two testing center coordinators, and an abundance of cooperation and support from faculty and administration, the ALP is focused on helping students with all types of disabilities to succeed in college.

misericordia.edu/alp

SERVICE LEARNING

Service-learning is a structured learning experience that provides a vehicle for our students to develop their academic knowledge, 21st century skills, and a broader sense of social responsibility and community awareness while simultaneously providing real value to the community.

misericordia.edu/servicelearning

CHOICE PROGRAM

The Choice Program is a seven-week academic and career exploration project. It consists of a series of workshops designed to help Undeclared students explore their interests as well as the Misericordia major curricula and world of work.

misericordia.edu/life-at-mu/career-development/parents



A UNIVERSITY THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

RESIDENCE HALLS

Misericordia University offers a variety of housing options for students who wish to share in the invaluable experience of living in a community. Our communities are built on respect, common courtesy and responsibility.

The University manages nine residential facilities: Alumnae Hall, Gildea Hall, MacDowell Hall, McGowan Hall, McHale Hall, the Townhouse Complex, two houses on Lake Street and our Graduate Housing facility, the Machell Ave. Residence.

Since all of our residential facilities are either on or very close to campus, they provide unparalleled access to University activities and resources.

Here at Misericordia, the residential facilities serve two purposes in accommodating a student's college experience: to live and to

learn. Living and sharing with others is a vital part of one's educational experience at Misericordia, providing the opportunities to build relationships and connections that will last a lifetime.

The Office of Campus Life assists the residential students in their academic success and growth as professionals and as people.



NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Office of New Student & Family Programs believes that a vital part of the education process at Misericordia University is involvement in student clubs/organizations and co-curricular activities. Participation in activities where leadership, community responsibility, intellectual and social interests can be met both enriches and completes a college education.

ORIENTATION

FAMILY WEEKEND

HOMECOMING

ANNUAL DAVID A. EVANS

COLOR RUN

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASSOCIATION CARNIVAL

WELCOME WEEK

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

AND MUCH MORE!



PARALLEL LIVES

2 MU STUDENTS DESTINED TO BE COUGARS!

Josh Mensinger and Joe Herman worked together for approximately 20 years. They even shared an office for some time back in the early 2000 time-frame. One day Josh told Joe that he and his wife were having a baby. Joe responded by saying, “That’s great! So are we!” After expressing the good news, they both learned that they also shared the same due date of Oct. 18. That was just the beginning of the many uncanny coincidences that kept popping up throughout their

“ I also think Kenna made a great decision with MU... she was looking for a small school environment where professors/students were on first name basis in a somewhat rural environment. In the end, I think she made a good choice and so far has enjoyed her experience. ”

~ Josh Mensinger



“ I chose to come to Misericordia because they have a great physical therapy program, it’s close to home, and I love the small and friendly atmosphere. ”

~ Kenna Mensinger

Pre-DPT major

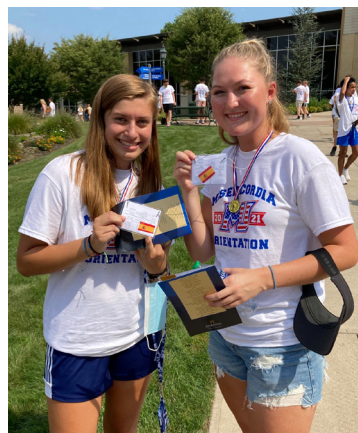


lives and the lives of their soon-to-be-born daughters.

As the due date arrived, Joe went to work only to find that Josh wasn’t in the office. He was informed that Josh and his wife were at the hospital delivering their new baby, Kenna. A few hours later, Joe received a call from his wife telling him to “get home; it’s time.” Shortly after, they too were at the hospital having a baby to be named Madeline. The two moms, Karen and Pam, had already known each other for a few years and were fortunate enough to be given rooms right next to each other. Being so close in proximity, the two families were able to share in the excitement together.

Following that fateful day, they would periodically get the kids together for special events such as birthdays and holidays.

As time went on, Josh and Joe were not able to spend as much time together at work since they no longer shared the same office or department; however, their paths still crossed when Kenna and Madeline would compete against each other in youth sports, especially basketball. They attended separate schools and unfortunately didn’t really get to know each other as close friends; but,





somehow they still ended up choosing the same jersey number for basketball. Josh would take pictures of them doing the jump ball at the beginning of the game; and the two girls always made sure to find each other after the game to chat and often get a picture or two.

Fast forward several more years to junior year of high school when Joe asked Josh about Kenna's college search and choice of major. Josh indicated that it was Physical Therapy. Joe couldn't hold back his laugh as he replied, "Maddie too!" Josh even mentioned 3 or 4 of the same schools that Madeline was considering. As decision time arrived, Josh and Joe were talking only to find out that their daughters chose the same University for the same major. The coincidences continued when they learned that the girls would be living in the same dorm on the same floor and only a couple doors apart! Even on Move-In Day they were assigned the same country, Spain, as part of the theme.

"I am glad that Maddie found MU and I believe it will be a great experience for her. I know MU will take care of helping my daughter achieve her goals. It's a beautiful campus with a small town/family feel in a location close to where I grew up."

~ Joe Herman



"I chose to come to Misericordia for its renowned graduate programs and a tight knit community that no other schools could offer. With a guaranteed seat in the graduate school program for physical therapy, I can enjoy the college experience without the stress of reapplying to a new program at the end of my undergraduate studies."

~ Madeline Herman - Pre-DPT major



CAREER PREPARATION AND OUTCOMES

TWO MISERICORDIA STUDENTS COMPLETE MICHIGAN FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS PROGRAM

The University of Michigan Future Public Health Leaders Program (Michigan FPHLP) is a residential summer program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Through field placements, skill building workshops and mentorship, Michigan FPHLP provides students with opportunities for growth, learning and awareness in the field of public health. The ultimate goal of

the program is to increase the diversity of the public health workforce and the people committed to reducing health disparities. Michigan FPHLP students are housed on the University of Michigan's campus for 10 weeks to dive deep into the field of public health. Students participate in curriculum days at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and engage with public health

Vaccination Hesitancy in Vulnerable Populations

TyShawn Hopkins, Misericordia University, Washtenaw County Health Department
Dallas, Pennsylvania

Background

The Washtenaw County Health Department, based in Ypsilanti, Michigan, is responsible for assessing public health concerns in the county, addressing priority concerns, and providing the best possible solutions.

The Emergency Preparedness division of the Washtenaw County Health Department is focused on having preparations in place to provide the best possible care to county residents in the event of a state of emergency or catastrophe.

One of the current focuses for this division is analyzing the impact of vaccine hesitancy in order to more effectively target those who are most vulnerable more effectively both during the pandemic and in the event of any future outbreak event.

Objectives

My intern work had two primary objectives:

1. Create a literature review using any gatherable data to assess which groups are the most vulnerable to vaccine hesitancy in 2021
2. Prepare a guide on how to approach vulnerable populations effectively

Analyzing Vulnerable Populations

Households with an annual income of \$24,000 or lower had the lowest vaccination rate of any other income group in survey at 21%. There was a 4% increase in vaccination rate every \$24,000.

Individuals with less than a complete high school education had the lowest vaccination rate of any other level of education in survey at 16.2%. This rate grew exponentially with education level up to 91.8% with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Data collected via CDC survey (Barrick, et al.)

Recommended Practices and Approaches

Convenience

The best way to approach convenience is by addressing inconveniences that cause people to have vaccine hesitancy. The greatest inconveniences by address are language, technology, information, transportation, and location accessibility. These inconveniences can serve as barriers for many people of different demographics and locations including, but not limited to, rural communities, accommodation-related communities, and young adults.

- 1. Suggestions to combat convenience
 - Establish convenient based into vaccine directly to have vaccination sites to provide information and access to low accessibility areas.
 - Provide conveniently updated data on vaccine access, safety, and importance.
 - Ensure that all information is accessible to as many languages and age groups as possible.

Confidence

The best way to approach confidence is by providing the best information on vaccine safety, known side-effects, and likelihood of these side-effects as well as equalizing vaccination efforts to prevent any issues from spreading diseases. Vulnerable groups such as young adults and conservative communities would be impacted most by a confidence approach.

- 1. Suggestions to combat confidence
 - Provide as much true information about a vaccine's safety and possible effects as possible to lower safety concern hesitations.
 - Encourage organizations and healthcare systems to be the driving force in the narrative of vaccination efforts as opposed to the government.

Complacency

The best way to approach complacency is to provide the best information about the good of vaccines. This is the most difficult group to approach because one who is complacent about vaccinating is vaccine hesitant will have that most likely up. Only as much can be done to change the minds of those who are complacent. The vulnerable group most impacted by a complacency approach is conservative communities.

- 1. Suggestions to combat complacency
 - Be straight forward about the good vaccination can bring to a community, especially one that has undergone a pandemic level crisis like the COVID-19.
 - Do not push too hard. Vaccines cannot be mandated on a federal level or by medical professionals. It is important to respect the rights of those who choose to get vaccinated and not get vaccinated.
 - In areas of high complacency, consider asking employers and local organizations to provide incentives to get vaccinated. People should be getting vaccinated for the right reasons, but if that isn't enough in an area, this could be a possible solution to increase vaccination rates even by a small amount.

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professionals through their field placements.

With only a 7% acceptance rate, it was tremendously exciting for both Misericordia University students who applied and were accepted into the 2021 Michigan FPHLP. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this exclusive internship opportunity was converted into a virtual experience. This, however, did not stop Misericordia students, Ty'Shawn Hopkins, Medical & Health Humanities major, and Tavion Rogers, Government, Law and National Security major, from acquiring valuable experience and skills during the 10-week program.

Read more about the University of Michigan Future Public Health Leaders Program on their website at:

<https://sph.umich.edu/fphlp/>



I had the amazing opportunity to participate in the University of Michigan Future Public Health Leaders Program. While there, I got to expand my education into the field of public health from professionals, get hands on experience working with a public health department, complete meaningful and relevant work in the field of emergency preparedness, and present my findings in front of my colleagues, mentors, and CDC officials at the CDC CUPS Showcase. It was a wonderful experience that I am so glad I got to be a part of!



~ Ty'Shawn Hopkins

Medical & Health Humanities major



Through my experience in Michigan FPHLP, I gained a plethora of skills that not only improved my techniques within public health but contributed to my development as a leader and scholar. The knowledge I gained will be essential throughout my career, and I thank members of the Misericordia faculty for providing me with the guidance to find success in the program.



~ Tavion Rogers

Government, Law, and National Security & Philosophy double major Medical & Health Humanities minor



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misericordia.campusexp.com

Be sure to check our Parents & Families webpage to access helpful information tailored to you.

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