

A GUIDE FOR **PARENTS**



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It starts at the
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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**



As a parent of a recent college graduate, I understand firsthand the expectations that you have for your child. It is certainly an exciting yet challenging time as your family ponders the many options and attempts to find the “perfect fit” college or university. Although “perfect fit” is a highly personal assessment, I feel confident that our university has distinct advantages for many incoming students.

Misericordia is committed to the success and happiness of each student. In fact, one our greatest differentiators is our culture which fosters powerful education relationships among students, faculty, and staff that lead to professional competence as well as exceptional collaborative abilities and social skills. It is an intrinsic part of our mission to provide our students with a learning experience that engages and inspires.

We know that you want a college that will allow your son or daughter to fulfill their goals while providing for a rewarding future. You want them to have an education that will instill values and mentor them through their transformation into adulthood and into their professional life. You want them to have a hands-on, personal experience with their education in a safe, caring environment. You want them to have the support to excel in all of their endeavors. Above all, you want them to be prepared for life and 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 over 90 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 brochure as you consider Misericordia University. Your son or daughter will receive other materials about our campus both in the mail and electronically. Of course, they can visit anytime 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. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Regards,



Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.
President

MU FAST FACTS:

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy,
Dallas, Pennsylvania in **1924**



Located in Northeastern PA, only
2 HOURS from both Philadelphia
and NYC

85% Fall 2017 freshmen returned
for sophomore year; **90%** overall
retention rate as of 2017



11:1 Student-Faculty ratio

2,146: total undergraduate students
435: first-year students



NCAA

NCAA Division III in **25** sports
for men and women
athletics.misericordia.edu

196,420 service hours
performed in 2016-2017



56 academic programs
misericordia.edu/academics



According to
a 2018 survey,
4 out of 5 students believe
that there is
a commitment to
academic excellence on
Misericordia's campus.

99% Incoming students receive some form of financial aid



PASSPORT



Study Abroad programs are currently located in Australia, England, Germany, Ireland, and Italy
studyabroad-away.misericordia.edu

New freshmen: **64%** in-state; **36%** out-of-state



In a 2017 survey, **96%** of seniors indicated that they acquired job or work-related knowledge and skills at Misericordia

Career success guaranteed with the Guaranteed Placement Program (GPP)
misericordia.edu/gpp



Dr. Glen Tellis and the Speech-Language Pathology faculty at Misericordia believed in my ability to not only achieve success within the classroom, but to also present research at local, state, and national conferences. I am forever grateful to call myself an alum of the SLP program at Misericordia.



~ **Kyle Pelkey '18**
M.S., CF-SLP
Pivot Physical Therapy, SLP-Clinical Fellow

PASS RATES

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography graduates excel with all achieving their Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential. The graduates of 2016 through 2018 achieved a 100% pass rate in both the Sonography Physics and Instrumentation (SPI) and the Abdomen specialty examinations. They achieved greater than 93% first time pass rate in the Obstetrics and Gynecology examination.

MEDICAL IMAGING

The Medical Imaging Program 2017 graduating class achieved a 100% pass rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification examination in radiography shortly after completing the requirements for the bachelor's degree program.

NURSING

BSN graduates achieved a 95.59% pass rate on the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for first-time test takers on the most recent exam.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The 2016 National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) pass rate for the OT entry level program was 100%.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The most recent 2-year ultimate pass rate on the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE) was 98.99%.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The SLP Program's 2017 graduating class achieved a 100% pass rate on the Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology, which is required for national licensure by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

ACCOLADES & RANKINGS

WE ARE TURNING HEADS

According to The Princeton Review,* Misericordia University has been recognized as one of the top colleges and universities in the northeastern United States. The University is one of the institutions of higher education The Princeton Review has recommended in its Best in the Northeast section of its website feature, 2018 Best Colleges Region by Region.

It's not just The Princeton Review that is taking notice. Misericordia is turning heads in other national publications too.

LIST OF OTHER ACCOLADES

2018 U.S. News and World Report

Best Regional Universities North

Best Value

Best Colleges for Veterans

2018 MONEY Magazine's Best Colleges list - the second highest ranked college or university in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties **



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PROFILES IN BLUE & GOLD



“What I love most about the Mass Communications and Design program is that you become immediately involved in their extracurricular activities as a first-year student. My first year, I was a staff writer for the newspaper, a radio sports broadcaster, and I hosted a TV show!

My experiences in the program have landed me internships with ESPN Radio, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Now that I am a graduate, I will be returning to the Phillies as a freelancer, working alongside their TV broadcast crew. I am incredibly grateful for everything that this program has done for me, not only academically, but personally as well.”

~ Sean Lynch '18

B.A. Mass Communications and Design



Misericordia was just one of numerous college acceptances lying on my dining room table four years ago. I chose Misericordia; and in hindsight, I definitely made the right pick. An injury to my shoulder during a softball game landed me in physical therapy, and my PT, who was excellent, was a Misericordia graduate. This inspired my choice of school and major; but, in the back of my mind, I wanted to become a doctor. Further in the back of my mind, I was not sure it was possible. Hard work and Misericordia, though, made it possible.

Starting with bio I and chem I, the professors were excellent. They love what they are doing. They love where they are, and they love their students. I was a laboratory assistant, organic chemistry and calculus tutor, and I did summer research with Dr. Jeffrey Stephens in biophysics and with Dr. Charles Saladino in biochemistry. I even got to present my research at a national scientific conference in Washington, DC. Misericordia's convenient location also allowed me to volunteer at two local hospitals and shadow generous physicians in my spare time.

After multiple acceptances to US MD and DO programs, I soon start the next step of my journey at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton as a first-year medical student. Misericordia believed in me. Together, we made it happen. I believe in Misericordia.

~ **Andrea Nale '17**

B.S. Biology

Graduate School:

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine





STUDENT PROGRAMS

STUDENT SERVICES

- The Counseling and Psychological Services Center (CAPS Center)
- The Office for Students with Disabilities
- The Health and Wellness Center
- The Student Success Center
- The Writing Center

STUDENT LIFE/ENGAGEMENT

There are over 40 clubs and organizations focusing on the arts, community service, academics, student government, and outdoor recreation to name a few.

[misericordia.edu/studentengagement](https://www.misericordia.edu/studentengagement)

STUDY ABROAD-AWAY PROGRAM

Currently located in Australia, England, Germany, Ireland, and Italy. Every major has the opportunity to study abroad.

[studyabroad-away.misericordia.edu](https://www.studyabroad-away.misericordia.edu)

In a 2018 survey, more than **70%** of students reported that the academic support services at Misericordia met their needs.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

THE INSALACO CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Insalaco Center for Career Development provides comprehensive career-planning services that prepare students for successful transition from college to career.

misericordia.edu/career

- **Choice Program:** Misericordia University's Choice Program consists of a series of seven workshops designed to assist Undeclared students explore their interests, values, and skills as well as the various Misericordia major curricula and world of work.
- **Guaranteed Placement Program:** Our Guarantee states that if any student, who fully participates in our program for all four years of their college experience, does not receive a job offer or is not accepted into graduate/professional school within six months of graduation, the University provides that student a paid internship* in their chosen field.

misericordia.edu/gpp

**Terms and conditions apply.*



Misericordia coordinated **118 internships** with **60 different employers** and professional sites between the summer '17 and spring '18 semesters

A SMALL SAMPLING OF WHERE MISERICORDIA GRADUATES HAVE GONE

Adler University

Bowling Green State University

Case Western Reserve University

Chatham University

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

Dartmouth

Drexel University

Duke University School of Medicine

Georgetown University

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Mercy College

Montclair State University

Ohio State University

Pennsylvania College of Optometry
at Salus University

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
Medicine

Princeton

Queen's University of Belfast,
Northern Ireland

Rutgers University

St. Barnabus Medical Center

St. Thomas University

SUNY Stonybrook

Temple University

Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

UNC School of Medicine – Radiation
Therapy

University of Baltimore

University of Denver

University of Missouri College of Veterinary
Medicine

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School
of Medicine

University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of
Public and International Affairs

Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Washburn University

Washington State

Widener Law School



EMPLOYERS:

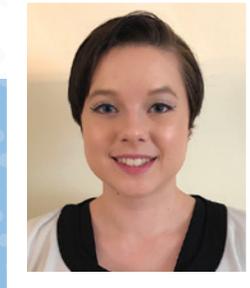
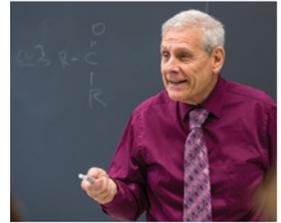
Ancora Psychiatric Hospital	Johns Hopkins Medicine	Sanofi Pasteur
Bedrock Technology	Kaleidoscope Family Solutions	Sava Senior Care
Berkshire Hathaway	Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation	School District of Lancaster
GUARD	Kindred Healthcare	Scranton Orthopedics
Blue Cross	Kingman Regional Medical Center	Seaside Heights Police Department
CareOne Management LLC	Lehigh Valley Health Network	Select Physical Therapy
Castle Construction/Snow Management Inc.	Liberty POST	Signature Healthcare
Cawley Physical Therapy	Lourdes Hospital	Silberline Co.
Children's National Health System	MedTravelers	SK Technology Group
Children's Service Center	Mercy Medical Center	Smyrna School District
Cigna	Miami Dolphins/Heat	St. Luke's
Cone Health System	MindMax	Susquehanna Health
Confluence Health	Mohegan Sun	Talen Energy
Cornell Iron Works Inc	Mondelēz International	Tender Touch Rehabilitation
Developmental Pediatrics	NEPA Imaging Center and Veterans Health Administration	Theraplay
Douglas Education Service District	New York Life	The Aspire Group – Maryland Athletics
Drayer Physical Therapy	Northwestern Lehigh School District	The Center for Discovery
Ebay Enterprise Solutions, Inc.	Northwestern Mutual	Triage Staffing
EBS Healthcare	NYU Langhorne Medical Center	Thompson health
Erwine Home Health & Hospice	Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania – Tom Wolf	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Eurofins Lab	Paulding County School District	University Hospital – Upstate Medical University
First Choice Loan Services, Inc.	Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital	United States Attorney's Office
Fox Rehabilitation	Pennsylvania State Police	United States Navy
Geisinger Health System	Preferred Therapy Solutions	Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Genesis Rehab	ProCare Physical Therapy	Wayne Memorial Hospital
GENPACT	PRO Rehabilitation	Wilkes-Barre General Hospital
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital	Reading Health System	Cabot Oil & Gas
Guthrie Health Care	Regional Hospital of Scranton	New York Yankees
Hampton City Schools	Saber Healthcare	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
HyPR Brands	Sanford Health	United States Supreme Court Bar
Ivy Rehab		Office of the Attending Physician (OAP) Capitol Hill
Jack Williams Tire Corp.		
Jersey Shore Medical Center		
JFK Hospital		

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY IS A LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTION; BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

It means that your daughters and sons will benefit from a well-rounded, interdisciplinary education that will prepare them for any challenges. It sets them apart from the competition, training them to think critically in order to solve complex problems and adapt to a changing world. While being a valuable asset to employers, it also helps them to grow personally, enhancing their communication skills and understanding of the world around them.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY?

- Personal attention
- Quality academic & support programs
- Career preparation
- Community & faculty engagement
- Hands-on research and experience
- Liberal arts education rooted in our mission of service



“As my time with the Misericordia University is coming to a close, I know I have been fully prepared to begin my professional career. Being a student at MU has made me more than a clinician, though, and has helped me grow into a well-rounded individual.”

~ Samantha Buldo '18,
M.S., Speech-Language Pathology

ALUMNI SUCCESS



Misericordia is more than a school to me, it is a home. I have made life-long connections at Misericordia, from peers to faculty. Every member of the English Department challenged me to grow, academically and as a person, while providing the encouragement I needed to succeed. Their unfailing support has gotten me through tough new experiences at a time that can be very uncertain for many people. The knowledge I gained from Misericordia allows me to be confident in myself while pursuing a master's degree in the UK, a goal that my professors helped me to achieve.

My time studying in England has given me a broader sense of the world and an opportunity to enjoy new cultures. I have learned to be a more independent researcher both academically and socially. The variety of people I have met on my journey, all with their own unique story, astounds me. Misericordia taught me about many different ways that people live, preparing me to recognize these differences and allowing me a deeper appreciation and understanding of these cultures.

~ **Taylor Rupp** '17, B.A. English
M.A. English, University of Reading, UK

Misericordia doesn't just have professors, they employ mentors who not only educate but also provide knowledgeable guidance to each student. During our daughter's time with Misericordia, her courses were challenging but she was provided all the support she needed to excel.

Because of the personalized guidance and recommendations of her Misericordia professors, she was accepted to a one-year Graduate program at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. She continued to garner support from her mentors at Misericordia throughout her Graduate program and remains in close contact with them to this day.

~ **Rollie and Judy Rupp**
Parents of Taylor Rupp



MAJORS

56 academic programs on the graduate and undergraduate levels offered through three colleges: College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business, and College of Health Science & Education.

ACCOUNTING

BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CHEMISTRY*

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL
SONOGRAPHY

EDUCATION:
EARLY CHILDHOOD &
SPECIAL EDUCATION
MIDDLE LEVEL

ENGLISH*

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND
NATIONAL SECURITY

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

HEALTH SCIENCE:
EXERCISE SCIENCE
MEDICAL SCIENCE
PATIENT NAVIGATION

HISTORY*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MASS COMMUNICATIONS
AND DESIGN

MATHEMATICS*

MEDICAL AND HEALTH
HUMANITIES

MEDICAL IMAGING

NURSING

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICAL THERAPY

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PSYCHOLOGY

SOCIAL WORK

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

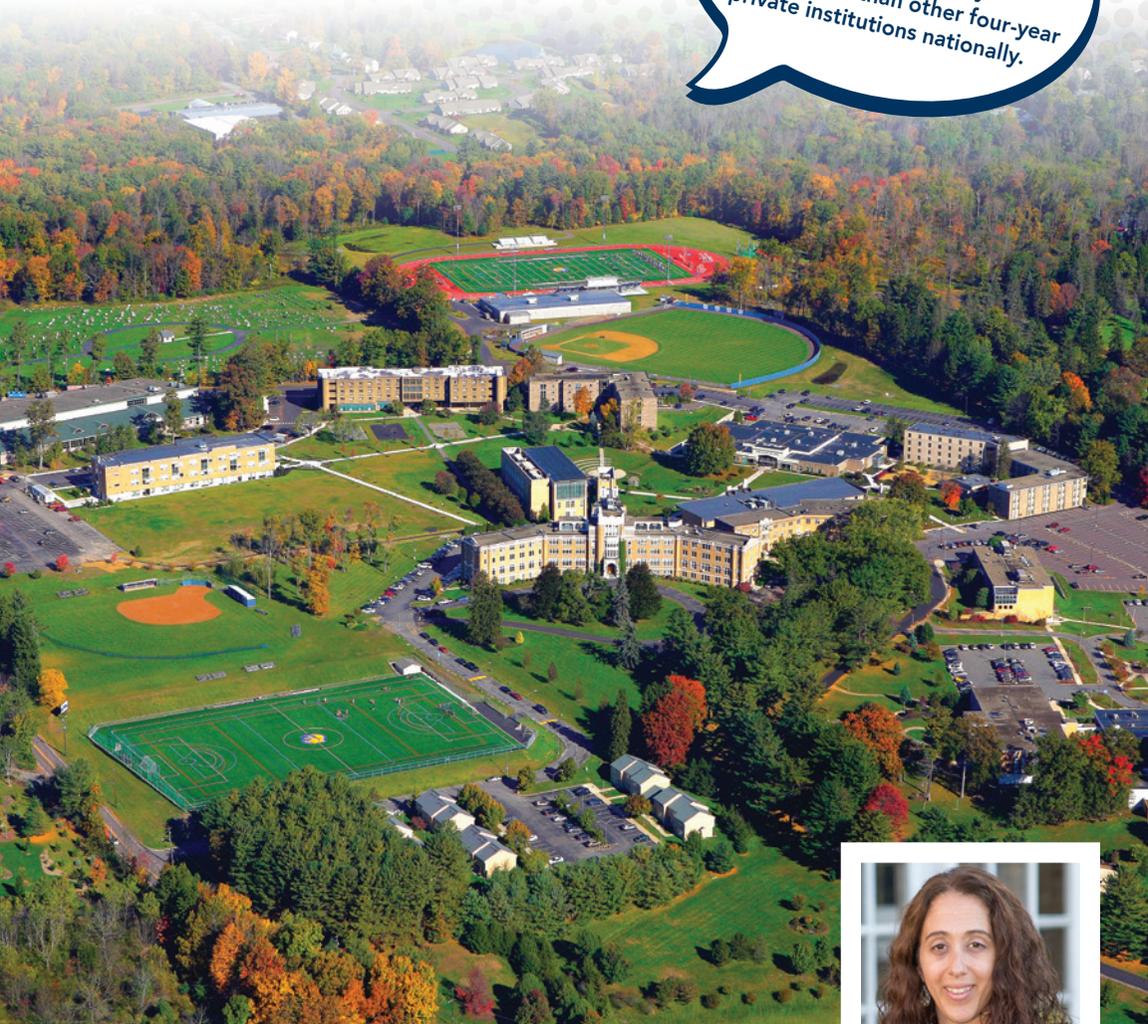
SPORT MANAGEMENT

STATISTICS

**Also available as Secondary Education*

A PLACE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

According to a 2018 survey, **87% of students** believe that Misericordia has a good reputation within the community – **24% greater** than other four-year private institutions nationally.



“Having worked at Misericordia for over eleven years, I am constantly amazed how our students, staff and faculty live our core values of mercy, service, justice and hospitality on a daily basis. When I meet with prospective students and their families they frequently comment on the welcoming nature of the campus. I often tell them that this is real and not a façade; holding a door, saying hello, and remembering a name are just daily gestures of Misericordia’s welcoming culture.”

~ **Kristen Ricardo**

Assistant Director, Student Success Center

A SAFE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

SAFETY

Student safety is our top priority. Our Safety Office is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University by providing high quality service with excellent standards of personal integrity and ethics. The University's Safety Office is staffed 24/7 with highly trained officers. Emergency call boxes are placed throughout campus as well.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

First year students, unless they are commuters, are not permitted to bring their vehicle to campus. Public transportation is available as well as the university shuttle that has regularly scheduled visits to shopping centers and attractions throughout the surrounding community.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Misericordia University offers several dormitories, townhomes, and off-campus housing. Townhomes and off-campus housing are typically reserved for upper classmen.

STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

The Health & Wellness Center is located in the Anderson Sports and Health Center and provides students with a nursing assessment and treatment for common illnesses on a walk-in basis as well as advanced assessments by the Nurse Practitioner (by appointment only). If necessary, particularly after hours and on weekends, students are advised to seek treatment at one of the area hospitals (Geisinger Hospital or Wilkes Barre General Hospital) or at one of the local MedExpress Urgent Care Centers.

Being a student at Misericordia exposed me to the needs of others. Service and justice are at the forefront of the university's mission, and there is a commitment to develop thoughtful, socially responsible young adults.

~ Karlee Naylor '18
B.S. Psychology



FINANCIAL AID PAYING FOR COLLEGE

We want you to know that a Misericordia education is an affordable education. In fact, most consider it a great value. Our graduation rate is very high, so your son or daughter is likely to have a great experience at the University, yet earn a degree and be out in the work force ahead of students who attend larger institutions. We've also made every effort to keep tuition costs reasonable, yet offer a highly personalized education with all the services students need and all of the opportunities students want.

Nearly 99 percent of all Misericordia students receive financial aid through plentiful scholarship dollars. Not only do our scholarships reward academic achievement but service and student involvement as well.

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