

Memorandum of Understanding

Misericordia University and Diocese of Scranton

Misericordia University and the Diocese of Scranton establish a Memorandum of Understanding.

Through this memorandum, we articulate and codify the ways this partnership can advance our mutual goal of enhancing access to high quality Catholic education at the high school and post-secondary levels. The components of our partnership include, but are not limited to:

1. Misericordia University will guarantee admission (with the exception of programs listed in item #2, below) to graduates of high schools in the diocese * who hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students who meet the above criteria will receive, at minimum, a \$16,000 four-year merit scholarship award for a total value of \$64,000, and an **additional** \$3,000 Resident grant for each year in which they reside in university housing. Higher GPAs will receive higher awards in accordance with Misericordia University scholarship criteria. The student must maintain an appropriate, pre-determined GPA based on the value of the scholarship in order to renew annually. The award can only be received for four years total.
2. Misericordia University will guarantee admission to the following entry-level programs: Master of Speech-Language Pathology (5 year), Master of Occupational Therapy (5 year), Doctor of Occupational therapy (6.3 year), Doctor of Physical Therapy (6.5 year), Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Medical Imaging, and a four-year renewable scholarship to graduates of Diocesan High Schools who enroll at Misericordia University in these programs. The student must have a 3.4 GPA and meet all programmatic admission criteria. Students who meet the above criteria will receive, at minimum, a \$18,000 four-year merit scholarship award for a total value of \$72,000, and an **additional** \$3,000 Resident Grant for each year in which they reside in university housing. Higher GPAs will receive higher awards in accordance with Misericordia University scholarship criteria. In order to qualify for guaranteed admission, Diocesan High School students applying to these programs must complete all application requirements by December 1st of their senior year. The student must maintain an appropriate, pre-determined GPA based on the value of the scholarship in order to renew annually. The award can only be received for four years total.
3. Application and supporting documentation (transcript through junior year and standardized test scores) must be submitted prior to admission, using the university's online application for admission. Misericordia University will charge no fee for Diocesan High School applicants.
4. High School weighted GPAs will be converted to Misericordia University standard GPA 4.0 scale for admission and scholarship consideration.

5. High Schools will permit a Misericordia University admissions representative to visit with their students as many as three times annually for the purposes of sharing information about the Misericordia University academic programs and application, admission, financial aid, and related processes. Visits will be arranged by the Misericordia University Office of Admissions through the High School Guidance offices.
6. The High Schools will display Misericordia University information, including posters, pennants and brochures, in the Guidance office or elsewhere at the high school where college information is presented. In addition, the agreement with a Misericordia University logo & profile will be displayed on the high school web site.
7. The Diocesan Scholars program, which allows designated diocesan scholars to take a limited number of courses free of charge, will be reinstated under the original conditions of the 2008 agreement.

*Holy Redeemer, Wilkes Barre, PA; Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, PA; Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg , PA; and St. John Neumann High School , Williamsport, PA

This agreement may be reviewed and revised at any time at the behest of the Diocese of Scranton or the Vice President for Enrollment at Misericordia University.

For Misericordia University:



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