

Identity as a 21st Century Catholic University

Our Distinct Mercy Mission and Identity

- We are a person-centered, practical institution with a faith-inspired curriculum that blends liberal arts with professional career preparation
- Our academic core curriculum, The Mercy Experience, is rooted in the Catholic Mercy tradition of outreach and service to the community and those in need
- Our commitment to vibrant co-curricular programs that focus on service and Mercy enhances student engagement

Diverse Academic Opportunities for Learners of All Ages

- Academic offerings at the undergraduate and graduate level provides opportunities for traditional, transfer, adult and graduate learners
- Our multiple locations and varied academic programs help people with different personal and career aspirations achieve their goals
- Dynamic student experiences with vibrant classroom engagement fosters free expression
- With more than 1,800 students, over 125 from out of state, including more than 400 residents, our students represent a diverse set of ages, backgrounds and experiences

Faculty Reputation and Excellence

- Our investment in faculty scholarship enhances student success and supports recruitment and retention
- We've increased the percentage of faculty with terminal degrees (58.75%)
- Regional, national and international recognition for faculty who exhibit work, present at conferences, publish material, and work with students on scholarship and research opportunities

Leveraging Community Partnerships

- Our partnerships with Kirkwood and Hawkeye Community Colleges, with locations across Eastern Iowa offer more students opportunity to accomplish their goals
- Our articulation agreement with Kirkwood Community College in the 1960s established one of the first public-private educational partnerships in Iowa
- Partnership with Hawkeye Community College established in 2008, lead to offering classes in Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Strategic Expansion of International Collaborations

- We're educating students to be active thinkers and participants in a global marketplace, equipped with the skills to compete and succeed amongst today's international economic, social and geo-political realities
- Our partnerships with Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, established in 1989, has grown with an international student and faculty exchange program established in 1991
- In 2007, we established an agreement for both short- and long-term international exchanges for students and faculty with Canterbury Christ Church University in England
- Collaboration initiated with the Consortium Institute of Management and Business (CIMBA) in Paderno, Italy, in 2009

Leader in Mercy Higher Education

- Mount Mercy engages as an equal partner with other Mercy universities within the Conference of Mercy Higher Education, the second largest group of Catholic institutions in the nation
- Our leadership has an active role in leading conversations about branding and the status of Mercy institutions nationally
- We've underscored the importance of Mercy identity by appointing an Executive Director for Mercy Mission and Identity

Graduate Degrees for Professional Leaders

- Our Graduate programs in business, criminal justice, education, marriage and family therapy, nursing and strategic leadership contribute to the professional development and leadership of Eastern Iowa
- Mount Mercy has an economic impact annually of more than \$75 million in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa City area
- We have an outstanding record of student success and placement with 94 percent of graduating students employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation

