

FAST FACTS

Human Donation Science

What are the entrance requirements/prerequisites?

- Baccalaureate degree from a school that is accredited by a nationally recognized body for accreditation of postsecondary education.
- Overall grade point average of 3.0 in undergraduate work.
- Submission of online MCO Graduate School Application.
- Two letters of recommendation (using MCO forms).
- A minimum of two semesters of coursework in the biological sciences and a minimum of one semester of coursework in organic chemistry.
- Satisfactory completion of a course in medical terminology or pass a medical terminology proficiency examination. Candidates who are unable to pass the medical terminology proficiency examination will be required to participate in a self-study program and pass a re-test.
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and TOEFL are required for international students.
- Interview, if requested.
- Graduate School application fee.

Although not required, shadowing an organ procurement coordinator is highly recommended.

What does an organ procurement coordinator do?

The Graduate Certificate in Human Donation Science is designed to provide entry-level professional preparation for individuals who wish to become a human organ procurement coordinator. Organ procurement coordinators facilitate the organ donation process from beginning to end. They are the liaisons between the donor's family, the coroner, the medical and nursing staff, the organ procurement organization and ultimately the transplant surgeon. As a result, coordinators must skillfully and diplomatically deal with a number of issues, agendas and personalities in order to achieve a successful organ transplant.

Why should I attend MCO?

- Reasonable, public school tuition
- Small class size
- Technologically sophisticated learning environment
- Beautiful campus, easy parking, reasonable off-campus housing costs

Where can I find more information about the program and the profession?

- Human Donation Science Program website at www.mco.edu/allh/donation_science/index.html
- Human Donation Science Program Director, Linda Miller, 419/383-4209, limiller@mco.edu
- Life Connection of Ohio at www.lifeconnectionofohio.org
- Association of Organ Procurement Organizations at www.aopo.org/aopo/