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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville’s pre-med students have an outstanding five-year running average of 80 percent acceptance into medical schools. In contrast, the national medical school acceptance rate ranges from 50-60 percent.

Cedarville’s pre-med students are being accepted into quality medical school programs at institutions such as the University of Michigan, University of Iowa and Cleveland Clinic.

Senior biology major, Andy Johnson from Lowell, Mich., was accepted to the University of Michigan where he will be starting fall of 2014. Johnson shared, “The course work was challenging and served as a sturdy base from which to jump off while studying for the MCAT exam.”

As with many other universities, Cedarville has a pre-med track, rather than an undergraduate pre-med degree. This gives students from any major the opportunity to prepare for medical school.

The focus of Cedarville’s pre-med program is to equip students with strong study skills and a solid science foundation, preparing students for the MCAT exam and the academic challenges of medical school. The pre-med program also encourages cocurricular involvement in leadership, service and medicine-related opportunities.

Pre-med faculty members have recently begun to meet each week with junior pre-med students throughout the spring semester. According to assistant professor of biology Melissa Hartman, M.D., “Students have found this initiative extremely beneficial as they prepare for the medical school application and interviewing process.” As a result, students are getting a head start and feel more prepared as they begin the application process.

The pre-med program provides Cedarville students with many unique opportunities including gross dissections in a cadaver lab, involvement in the pre-med student org, Chi Theta Pi, and interactions with alumni. Gaining hands-on experience,

pre-med students also work with a campus EMS program as well as the Cedarville community fire department.

Additionally, pre-med students have the chance to travel internationally with a variety of medical mission teams through Cedarville's MIS department. This year several pre-med students are going to the Dominican Republic, Republic of Congo and Paraguay, participating in service through cross-cultural health care.

The variety of activities and hands-on involvement available to pre-med students provide foundational experiences at the undergraduate level. Hartman shared, "We give pre-med students the opportunity to succeed."

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