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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – As higher education costs rise across the country, many students and their families are looking for creative — yet high-quality — options to save time and money. In response to these growing demands, Cedarville University is launching 12 programs that will allow students to earn a bachelor's degree in three years. The new program options take effect in the fall 2017 semester.

Students pursuing a three-year program at Cedarville can choose from 12 popular majors — many containing multiple tracks — in a wide range of academic areas:

- Communication
- Biology
- English
- Finance
- History
- Management
- Marketing
- Music
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Youth Ministry

Three-year programs are more affordable and cost-effective, allowing students to save up to \$15,000 on their degree. By eliminating a year of college, students can also enter the job market earlier, earning an additional year of income.

"The goal is to provide a different avenue for students to complete their programs while maintaining the quality in expectations of the program," said Dr. Thomas Mach, professor of history and assistant vice president for academics.

The three-year programs have the same degree requirements as their four-year counterparts, so students do not sacrifice the skills and experience necessary for their career paths. Students take courses on campus year-round, allowing them to benefit from Cedarville's valuable residential experience.

"Ever since I arrived at Cedarville University, one of my main concerns has been to make Cedarville accessible to as many students as possible, because I believe so strongly in our mission to equip students to live "for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ," said Dr. Thomas White, president of Cedarville University. "Providing three-year program options enables students to join the work force quicker, while making the most of their education for the kingdom of God."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.