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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The future looks hopeful for students who are pursuing a professional degree in pharmacy. That’s good news for Cedarville University students as the inaugural class nears completion of their Doctor of Pharmacy in May 2016.

Forbes released its “Best Jobs in Healthcare in 2015” ranking, based on statistics and a listing from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and CareerCast.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted careers in health care and social assistance will provide the most new jobs in the nation during the next decade.

“Historically there has been 100 percent job placement in pharmacy and all pharmacists graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy, so that affords them opportunities to be leaders within the whole health care system,” said Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., dean of the school of pharmacy.

Along with the high job placement of pharmacists, Tony Lee, publisher of CareerCast, also predicts the pharmacy career field to grow as current pharmacists approach retirement. Sweeney said this was validated when he recently spoke to recruiters from various large pharmacy chains.

“We are teaching our students how to take their knowledge and apply it to opportunity,” Sweeney said.

To prepare Cedarville pharmacy students, they are exposed to different types of practice and are enrolled in a business and leadership course.

“Our students are taught not only how to be an exceptional pharmacist, but also how to identify gaps in care and fill those gaps,” Sweeney said.

The Forbes ranking looks at income and hiring probability for careers, with a pharmacist having a median salary of \$116,670 and a projected growth in career opportunities of 14 percent by 2022.

“Pharmacy is much bigger than what the public sees,” Sweeney said. “Most people do not realize that there are pharmacists working in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, physician offices, health insurance companies, nuclear medicine and a hundred more options,” Sweeney said.

Sweeney said pharmacy is a career that allows for a flexible schedule and is a profession for serving people.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,620 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.