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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Why do students attend college? They want to be prepared for a successful career. Their parents agree.

But in a very competitive world, college students are finding it increasingly difficult to secure their first job—even with high academic honors and substantial internship experience on their resumes.

So, why do students from Cedarville University gain a competitive advantage? For Jeff Reep, director of career services at Cedarville University, it comes down to two primary factors: students are excelling in an academic rigorous environment and the intentional focus of career preparation by the students as freshmen. The combination sets Cedarville students on a trajectory for success.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers' (NACE) recent survey of college graduates proves this point. According to the data released this week from a survey of 2013-14 alumni, 100 percent of graduates from 61 of Cedarville's 77 majors were hired or accepted into graduate school immediately after graduation. Reep reported 76.8% of the alumni responded to the survey (NACE encourages colleges to get a minimum 65% survey response).

“Cedarville students, like students at many colleges, are very serious about their academics,” said Reep. “But what I see as a differentiation from students from other universities is the point that Cedarville students prepare for their career in their first semester on campus. They are learning about resume building as freshmen. They learn about the value of networking, and how to present themselves professionally in interviews. This experience, along with their excellence in the classroom can set them apart from other prospective employees.”

Highlighting the successful list are graduates from business, education, engineering, prepharmacy, and nursing. According to the data, of the 45 graduate in education graduates (early childhood, middle childhood, special, physical, and Spanish) 44 are employed or in graduate school. The School of Business has all of its 35 graduates employed, while all pharmacy students are pursuing a doctorate in pharmacy. Although not with a 100% placement rate, 69 of the 73 graduates in engineering and computer science (mechanical, chemical, electrical) are employed or pursuing post-graduate programs, and 57 of the 60 graduates from the School of Nursing in the same situation.

“Cedarville University attracts students who are committed to excelling in the classroom because they desire to make a difference in their world through a Christ-centered education,” said Tom Cornman, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs. “The success of our students gaining employment or graduate school placement is very encouraging and it reflects well on our faculty and how they bring their disciplines to life.”

100 Percent Placement Summary

Academic Program	Graduates	Employed	Graduate School
Pharmaceutical Science	43	0	43
Early Childhood Education	24	23	1
Accounting	19	19	0
Social Work	17	14	3
Marketing	16	16	0
Music, Music Ed, & Performance	13	10	3
Industrial and Innovative Design	12	10	2
Allied Health	12	4	8
Special Education—Intervention Spec.	11	11	0
Computer Science	11	11	0
Electrical Engineering	10	10	0
Exercise Science	10	10	0

English	9	5	4
Computer Engineering	9	9	0
Technical/Professional Comm.	8	8	0
Journalism	8	6	2
Math	8	7	1
Athletic Training	7	6	1
Biology	7	1	6
Middle Childhood Education	7	7	0
Molecular Biology	6	3	3
Bible Pre-Seminary	6	4	2
Biology	6	2	4
International Studies/Global Econ	6	4	2
Comprehensive Communication	6	6	0
International Studies/Social Science	6	6	0
Applied Communication	5	5	0
Bible Comprehension	5	3	2
Theatre	5	5	0
Organizational Communication	5	5	0
Chemistry	5	1	4
Information Systems/Info Tech Mgmt	4	4	0
Political Science	4	4	0
Public Administration	4	4	0
Worship	4	4	0
Sport Management	4	4	0
Language Arts	4	4	0
Physics	3	1	2
Criminal Justice	3	3	0

Studio Art	3	2	1
Electronic Media	2	2	0
Environmental Science	2	1	1
Social Studies	2	2	0
International Studies/Missiology	2	2	0
Keyboard Pedagogy	2	2	0
Pastoral Studies	2	2	0
Sociology	2	2	0
Philosophy	2	2	0
Physical Education	2	2	0
Sport & Exercise Studies	2	2	0
Liberal Arts	1	1	0
Media Communication	1	1	0
Spanish Education	1	1	0
90% Placement Rate but less than 100%			
Finance (95.7%)	23	21	1
Nursing (95.0%)	60	56	1
Early Childhood Education (92.9%)	24	23	0
Mechanical Engineering (90.7%)	43	37	2
Management (90.9%)	11	9	1
Youth Ministries (90.9%)	11	9	1

“These results are very impressive and they give parents of prospective and current students a measure of confidence in their investment,” said Reep. “The results also validate, to a large degree, why Cedarville University is an accredited university that has gained credibility in the minds of the families who send their students to us.”

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.