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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The medical profession is a desired occupation for many college students. Although many med schools can be highly selective in who they admit, the national average remains around 50 percent.

The percentage, however, is significantly higher for recent Cedarville University premed majors, according to data released by the university's office of career services. In the report, 78 percent of premed majors gained admittance into med school (69 percent on their first attempt), while 100 percent of its allied health graduates over the past five years were admitted into graduate school.

So, why do Cedarville's graduates gain an advantage from other students?

According to Melissa Burns, MD, assistant professor of biology, the high admittance rate into med school comes down to Cedarville University's "hands-on" approach.

“We try to do a really good job of preparing students for that first year of medical school,” said Burns. “Cedarville has very high academic standards, but it also has great students who work hard. That’s why our acceptance rate is as high as it is.”

Burns said that while most students don’t work with a cadaver until their first year of med school, students at Cedarville get experience working on a cadaver in their senior year. In addition, students at Cedarville are required to take core science courses during their junior year. While the courses, such as physics, might not be used by a student in their professional career, they are extremely important for entry to medical school.

Cedarville's premed graduates are enrolling in some of the nation's top medical schools, including the University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Texas and Washington University in St. Louis, all of which rank among the nation's top 25 primary care or research institutions according to U.S. News and World Report.

Like the high rate of premed students, the university's allied health program has experienced five consecutive years where all of its graduates pursuing grad school were admitted.

“Our allied health program's success is largely due to our rigorous academics and our one-on-one advising with our students,” said Dee Morris, P.E.D., professor of allied health and coordinator of the allied health program. “We keep in very close contact with our students and provide them with a unique environment of mentoring and career advisement.”

The allied health care program prepares students for a career such as physical therapy, physician assistant and occupational therapy. Recent allied health graduates have enrolled at the University of Dayton, University of Iowa, and Ohio State University.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville 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.