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## **“CU In The Morning” Educates Pharmacists**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – The Cedarville University School of Pharmacy is hosting monthly continuing education (CE) programs for local pharmacists who serve as preceptors for the university. Preceptors are practicing pharmacists who partner with Cedarville to teach professional pharmacy students during clinical rotations.

The CE program has been named “CU in the Morning” and takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. off campus in the Miami Valley area. Locations for meetings have yet to be determined.

All programs are taught by Cedarville University School of Pharmacy faculty and professional students focus on various topics within health care. There is no cost for preceptors to attend the programs. The topics and program dates include:

- Medication Adherence: Oct. 14 - Aleda Chen, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
- Ethics in Pharmacy: Nov. 18 - Douglas Anderson, Pharm.D./Dennis Sullivan, M.D.
- Essential Oils 101: Jan. 13 - Chelsea Manion, Pharm.D./Rebecca Widder, P4
- Herbals & Supplements: Feb. 3 – Douglas Anderson, Pharm.D.
- Cultural Competency: March 16 – Aleda Chen, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
- Managed Care: April 13 – TBA

The CU in the Morning initiative was created by Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., dean of the school of pharmacy, who encouraged his faculty to expand preceptor development.

Sweeney shared his idea with Thad Franz, Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy and director of experiential programs, who shortly after received feedback from preceptors indicating interest in having CE programs more often on a variety of topics.

“We saw CU in the Morning as an opportunity to allow our faculty to share their knowledge and expertise and at the same time, help develop our preceptors in their skills, to not only better teach our students, but also to provide the best patient care,” Franz said.

CE programs are crucial for practicing pharmacists, who are required by each state’s licensing board to complete a required number of CE hours in order to maintain their license.

“CU in the Morning is a way for us to give back to the pharmacists who help teach our students,” Franz said. “Our faculty seeks to imitate servant leadership, not only to our preceptors, but also to our students, who will become pharmacists.”

While CU in the Morning is targeted toward preceptors, it is also open to non-preceptors who are local pharmacists and are interested in supporting Cedarville.

Those interested in learning more about participating in CU in the Morning, can contact Beth Ford, director of community engagement, at [eford@cedarville.edu](mailto:eford@cedarville.edu) or [937-766-3015](tel:937-766-3015).

Pharmacists who are interested in becoming a preceptor may contact Dr. Thad Franz at [tfranz@cedarville.edu](mailto:tfranz@cedarville.edu) or [937-766-4985](tel:937-766-4985).

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 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.