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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The 2019 Cedarville University School of Pharmacy doctoral candidates for 2019 have a residency program match rate of 80%, surpassing the national average of 64%.

Once Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) grads complete their seven years of training at Cedarville University, they can choose to receive one or two years of residency training where they function as a pharmacist under the mentorship of pharmacists experienced in a specialized field of pharmacy.

"The completion of one to two years of postgraduate residency training prepares pharmacists to practice in expanded clinical roles focused on direct patient care," said Dr. Zach Jenkins, associate professor of pharmacy practice. "Residency training provides the means for pharmacists to practice at the top of their license."

Students who pursue residency training participate in the National Matching Service — a program that utilizes a computer algorithm to pair candidates with programs. The same program is used in other healthcare fields to match students with residencies. Students submit applications and interview with several programs, then rank top site choices. Residency sites also rank candidates they would like to have in their program.

This year, Cedarville pharmacy graduates have been matched with institutions such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio; and Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I think our high match rate reflects both the quality of our students and our program," said Dr. Marc Sweeney, dean of the school of pharmacy. "We realize that there are many factors to play a role into our residency match, but I hope it gives confidence to those who choose the Cedarville University School of Pharmacy"

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,193 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including its [doctor of pharmacy](#) program, 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.