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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Cedarville University's Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is one of the leading programs in the United States, according to OnlineCollegePlan. In its most recent ranking, OnlineCollegePlan ranked Cedarville's FNP program No. 8 in the United States.

The ranking puts Cedarville University's FNP program among several high-profile programs, including Duke University, Georgetown University, Ohio State and the University of South Carolina.

According to the ranking, Cedarville's FNP program has an 85% freshman retention rate and a 72% graduation rate.

"The school of nursing recognizes the significance and importance of graduate education in nursing as it prepares nurses with the knowledge and skills to lead change in the current health care environment," said Dr. Kimberly Higginbotham, Cedarville University assistant dean of graduate programs and associate professor of nursing. "We are thankful for the Cedarville faculty and staff who are committed to investing in the success of students by providing quality educational experiences."

Cedarville's FNP program includes fully online courses with four required on-campus experiences. Students must also complete 600 hours of direct care clinical experience. Graduates are eligible to sit for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners exam or American Nurses Credentialing Center exam. Cedarville also offers education and public health specialties as part of its M.S.N. offerings and will roll out new pediatric nurse practitioner and nursing leadership areas of focus this fall.

For more information about Cedarville's M.S.N., visit cedarville.edu/MSN.

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 [M.S.N. family nurse practitioner](#) (FNP) 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.