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Nurse Practitioner Program Nationally Ranked for Affordability

CEDARVILLE, **OHIO** -- Cedarville University's online family nurse practitioner (FNP) program has been ranked as one of the most affordable in the nation, and bringing the most value among Ohio schools, according to Nurse Practitioner Schools (NPS).

Other universities on the list include the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Middle Tennessee State University, Ball State University, and Old Dominion University. Cedarville was the lone Ohio university listed in the top 15.

NPS is an online resource for prospective nursing students that provides information about the nursing field so that students can make wise decisions about their future career path. Cedarville is ranked ninth nationally and was the only Ohio school listed among the top 15 programs.

"We recognize that most graduate students work full-time or part-time while enrolled in graduate courses," said Dr. Kim Higginbotham, assistant dean of the school of nursing, director of graduate programs and associate professor of nursing. "We have strived for flexibility and affordability for the online FNP program as well as the other M.S.N. areas of focus, such as pediatric nurse practitioner, nurse educator, global public health nursing and nursing leadership in healthcare improvement."

Cedarville's FNP program prepares students to provide primary care across the lifespan and requires pediatric, adult, older adult and women's health clinical courses. Graduates are eligible to sit for certification through the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board and through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. "The hallmark of the M.S.N. program at Cedarville is the integration of a biblical worldview throughout the curriculum," explained Higginbotham. "Our graduates are prepared to provide competent and compassionate care to patients and families."

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 high student engagement rankings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.