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## Cedarville Graduate Programs: God-Honoring, Affordable, Flexible

Every commencement celebration and graduate hooding ceremony thrills me because God leads outstanding graduate students to us, and we have the opportunity and stewardship to invest our lives in them. This past May, members from our first pharmacy class completed their degrees; many of them took my General Chemistry class six years ago. What a joy to celebrate with them!

Students such as these represent the growing, vibrant, and innovative vision for graduate education at Cedarville. Articulated in our strategic plan, that vision builds upon and enhances the undergraduate experience, marked by excellence and consistent with biblical truth, all for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ. God is graciously extending our mission to equip students with strategic advanced degrees for leadership and service. He is blessing our efforts to prepare graduate students for the good works He has planned for them (Eph. 2:10).

Now, more than ever, the world needs such excellent leaders and servants with Gospel clarity and biblical conviction. Whether our graduate students study education, business, nursing, ministry, or pharmacy, every one of them demonstrates faith in Jesus Christ and a firm grounding in biblical and theological competency. Our outstanding faculty members build upon this foundation with intentional biblical integration in every discipline.

Our programs also strive to be academically excellent to please the Lord (Col. 3:23-24) and also follow best professional practices through accreditation. We want each degree to have "quality stamped all over it," as Paul Dixon would say. Adult learners need convenient, flexible, and affordable courses; for many, distance education meets these requirements. We develop and maintain our online programs using the Center for Teaching and Learning and subject matter experts chosen by our academic departments and schools.

Our graduate education efforts online have paid off. Our Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, and Master of Business Administration have been highly ranked in national surveys of online graduate education.

The recent accreditation of our Doctor of Pharmacy program, the movement of our Master of Ministry to fully online as well as on campus, and the establishment of a new Master of Divinity means that the future of graduate education is shining bright at Cedarville University. What a great time to explore what a master's degree at Cedarville may mean for your future or the future of a friend, family member, or co-worker.

So what can you do? Here are four ideas:

- 1. Think "graduate school" as you pray for Cedarville University.
- 2. Recommend our programs to learners who desire a biblically integrated graduate degree.
- 3. Recruit potential faculty from your professional or personal network. We're always seeking qualified men and women (having attained a doctorate degree) who want to join our mission.
- 4. Call 937-639-3034 to learn more how a Cedarville graduate degree is the affordable, Christ-centered, professional development you've been seeking.



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