

**REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION****CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY**

## Doctor of Pharmacy

**Request:**

Cedarville University requests authorization to offer a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The program will be housed within the university's newly created School of Pharmacy and builds on the university's longstanding, successful undergraduate pre-pharmacy program. Although the program is not slated to begin until the fall 2012, the university has submitted the request at this time so that it may simultaneously seek approval from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

**Background:**

Cedarville University, located in Cedarville, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Originally established in 1887, the university today serves nearly 3,000 students and equips them "for lifelong leadership and service through an education marked by excellence and grounded in biblical truth." The university is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The Chancellor has authorized the institution since November 1969.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The mission of the School of Pharmacy is to "develop exceptional pharmacy practitioners focused on meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of patients through servant leadership." The Doctor of Pharmacy degree was developed to align with ACPE standards and will prepare students to become licensed pharmacists. The curriculum contains coursework in biomedical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, behavioral, social and administrative pharmacy sciences, and includes a research seminar, capstone course, and Introductory and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences.

The university is projecting 40 professional and 205 pre-pharmacy students in year one (fall 2012) and anticipates enrollment will grow to 65 professional and 415 pre-pharmacy students by year five. Initial projections were based on local and national market analyses performed and in consultation with an advisory board formed by the university.

**Resource/Faculty Needs:**

Five full-time faculty members are in place to teach in the program. The university anticipates hiring six additional full-time faculty members before the program begins in 2012 and an additional eighteen faculty members by 2018.

Construction is underway to build a 90,000 sq. ft. health sciences building that will house the schools of nursing and pharmacy. The three-story building will include classrooms, laboratories, offices, and student areas. Approximately sixty percent of the space will be devoted to the School of Pharmacy and the institution anticipates the building will be finished in time to begin the program.

**Recommendation:**

Cedarville University meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate programs and the review team recommends provisional authorization for the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2013. Provisional authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by June 30, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.