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## *Program Recognized for Best Value and Affordability*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—For the second year, the Gardner-Webb University online Master of Arts (MA) in English degree has been named among the best in the nation by an education information website. The SR Education Group recently named the GWU program to its 2019 rankings for Best Online Colleges and Most Affordable Online Colleges.

Best Value Colleges

“We are proud of our MA in English as it provides an opportunity for students seeking the flexibility of online learning without compromising the

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rigor of a graduate program,” observed Dr. Jennifer Buckner, chair of the Department of English Language and Literature and coordinator of MA English and writing studies. “Our faculty use a range of innovative technologies and methods to foster a scholarly community in our classes.”

The 2019 Best Online Colleges rankings are based on salary potential for graduates and tuition rates. The education research group analyzed accredited online programs across the nation, taking into account average mid-career salary data from PayScale, and manually researched annual tuition rates to determine the schools that offer the best value to students. Inclusion on this list shows high return on investment and commitment to affordability, two key factors for prospective students. Gardner-Webb ranked 11th for Master's Degrees in English.

On the 2019 Most Affordable Online Colleges list, GWU ranked second, ahead of Arizona State University (Tempe, Ariz.), Texas Tech University (Lubbock, Texas) and East Carolina University (Greenville, N.C.). These rankings represent online programs across the nation that are committed to providing affordable, economical options for students.

Most Affordable Degrees

While affordability is important, Buckner added that the GWU program emphasizes a student-centered approach. “This personal touch is unique for an online program, especially in meeting the diverse needs of our students,” she asserted. “We know our

students and work closely with them as mentors. We are excited to see our alumni complete doctoral programs, advance in their own careers, and grow in their understanding of English studies.”

*Headquartered in Kirkland, Wash., SR Education Group was founded to create authoritative online resources for students seeking an online education program that best suits their budget and career aspirations. The full lists are available here: [2019 Best Online Colleges rankings](#); and [2019 Most Affordable Online Colleges](#).*

*Located in the North Carolina foothills, Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university that prepares students to become critical thinkers, effective leaders and compassionate servants in the global community. Emphasizing a strong student-centered experience and rigorous academics, Gardner-Webb is a place where Christian service meets inspired research. Ignite your future at [Gardner-Webb.edu](http://Gardner-Webb.edu).*