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Variety of Courses Available Through Degree Completion Program's Minimester

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University will offer students a shortened semester option beginning Oct. 12. The GWU Degree Completion Program (DCP) Minimester, an academic term recently created to provide additional opportunities for students, provides an eight-week schedule that includes the same coursework as a full 16-week period.

Students may register for the upcoming fall Minimester through Oct. 14, and classes for the condensed schedule will continue through Dec. 10. Another eight-week session will be offered in the spring semester, from March 2 through May 5, 2016.

The DCP's Minimester schedule has been successful since it first launched in fall 2014. "It has allowed us to bring in a number of students who otherwise wouldn't be able to begin until the following full semester," shared Dr. Bobbie Cox, GWU Associate Provost for Adult and Distance Education. "In the past, we had three different times students could enter Gardner-Webb for degree completion. Now, we have five starting periods with these two additional semesters that are designed to help students start their education without having to wait until the next full semester."

The DCP offers a variety of core and pre-requisite classes during the shortened terms. "The course content is the same as during a regular semester," Cox shared. "Students have the same assignments, quizzes, and projects they would have during a regular term. The Minimester courses are all delivered totally online. There are no seated classes."

Gardner-Webb offers 10 majors through the DCP, which serves students who previously completed a two-year degree or its equivalent. To complete additional requirements toward a degree in a shorter period of time, DCP students can also add courses mid-term to the schedule they started at the beginning of a traditional semester. Students can also drop a course at the beginning of a semester and retake it during the compact term.

For more information about the Minimester or the Degree Completion Program, call 704-406-4484 or visit gardner-webb.edu/DCP.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.