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Publication Recognizes Gardner-Webb Graduate Business Program

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University has been honored for offering one of the best online healthcare management degrees in the nation, a valuable distinction for a program that trains leaders in a rapidly growing industry.

Top Management Degrees recently ranked Gardner-Webb No. 16 in the nation for online graduate degrees in healthcare management, ahead of prestigious schools like the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, N.C.), Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tenn.) and Penn State University (University Park, Pa.).

"Our healthcare program provides students the opportunity to work with experts, professionals and thought leaders in this discipline," shared Dr. Denise Smith, associate professor of business at Gardner-Webb. "We cherish the opportunity to assist our students in this endeavor."

Schools were ranked based on reputation, faculty credentials, student services and engagement, course delivery technology, admissions selectivity, prestigious national awards, student satisfaction and tuition costs. Data was sourced from U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and the National Center for Education and Statistics.

Healthcare is one of the fastest-growing industries in the country, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with expectations it will grow by about 25 percent by the year 2022. Successful healthcare management programs train leaders for the industry by providing education in business, employee management, patient care and unique challenges, according to Top Management Degrees.

The online healthcare management degree honor is the latest accolade for the GWU Godbold School of Business. The University was also recently named No. 1 in the Carolinas for the best online graduate business programs for military veterans (U.S. News & World Report), No. 7 in the nation for online master's degree programs for human resources professionals (Top Management Degrees), No. 11 in the South for online MBA programs (Online MBA Report), and No. 37 nationwide for online graduate business programs (U.S. News & World Report). "We are again very honored by this recognition and all other awards," Smith offered. "It is a testimony of the commitment to providing quality education at all levels by our faculty, staff and administrators."

Top Management Degrees offers rankings and reviews of the best management degree programs, as well as expert information on selecting degree programs to meet unique interests and needs, financing degrees in management, and the best careers in management.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.