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The University has signed a lease for 8,000 square feet of space at Eastwind Drive in Westerville, Ohio, just north of Interstate 270, said Thomas J. Lasley II, dean of UD's School of Education and Allied Professions.

The new location will offer graduate licensure opportunities and courses leading to degrees in educational leadership and school and community counseling. Many of the courses were previously offered at the Educational Service Center of Franklin County.

"We believe the Columbus area is a good market to be in," Lasley said. "We still have a very high demand for our programs and our classes."

UD's School of Education and Allied Professions has offered classes at Capital University, on the east side of Columbus, for nearly 30 years. The Westerville location will make it easier for students in northern Franklin County to pick up required classes, though courses and programs will still be offered at Capital, Lasley said. He expects between 60 and 100 students to enroll for the winter semester at the Westerville location.

"We don't see this as a permanent physical facility for our programs and researchers, but we do see it as an appropriate location to extend the reach of our efforts and tap student populations in the northern part of Franklin County," Lasley said.

In addition to four full-time equivalent faculty members and up to nine researchers, the satellite campus will also include the School Study Council of Ohio.

The University of Dayton operates other satellite campuses in Ohio, with locations at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro, Clark State University in Springfield, Sinclair Community College Courseview Campus in Mason and the Apollo Career Center in Lima.

The University of Dayton is Ohio's largest private university, and as one of the top-10 Catholic universities in the nation, UD emphasizes transformative education and prepares students for leadership and service in their communities in the Marianist tradition.

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