

# SWOSU School of Nursing Preparing for Online RN to BSN Program

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will undergo a focus visit in the School of Nursing on January 28-29.

The visit to Weatherford is by an evaluation team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Barbara Patterson, associate dean of the school, said the SWOSU School of Nursing is modifying the RN to BSN program from a distance education program to a totally online program. The School of Nursing has completed a change request proposal, addressing the commission's requirements and criteria for approval.

The evaluation team will visit the institution to evaluate evidence provided in the change request. The team will provide the commission with a report on development related to the change request. The commission itself will take the final action.

SWOSU has been accredited by the commission since 1950. The commission is recognized by the United States Department of Education. For more information about the commission, go to [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org).