

# **Patterson New Head of SWOSU School of Nursing**

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Dr. Barbara Patterson

Dr. Barbara Patterson is the new associate dean of the School of Nursing at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Patterson has over 30 years of experience in healthcare and education. She began her nursing career in 1973 after graduating from the Woodward School of Practical Nursing. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1983 from SWOSU. She then earned a Master of Science degree with a nursing major from the OU Health Sciences Center followed by a doctorate in adult education from the University of Oklahoma in 1993.

She has worked in hospitals and long-term care settings as a staff nurse, clinical educator and nurse manager. She has taught at the associate, bachelor, and master levels of nursing. Patterson comes to SWOSU after nine years in education administration as director of health education at Moore Norman Technology Center.

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She replaces Dr. Pat Meyer, who retired earlier this year.