

# **Hospitality, Restaurant and Gaming Management Two-Year Program Now Offered at SWOSU-Sayre**

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Area residents can now pursue a two-year degree in hospitality, restaurant and gaming management from Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Sayre campus.

"Employment opportunities abound in this field in western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle," said SWOSU-Sayre Dean Jim James. "SWOSU wants to give area residents marketable skills to meet the workforce demands in this industry."

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently approved the program that will begin this fall. Oklahoma is projected to need 21,000 more workers in this industry in the next decade. Completion of the associate degree program at SWOSU will train students for supervisory jobs.

The hospitality degree includes 44 hours of general education courses and 21 hours in areas of concentration that includes internships and other work experience.

Enrollment for the fall semester is underway. Classes begin August 19. For information about the new program, contact the SWOSU-Sayre Registrar's Office at 580.928.5533.