

SWOSU Continues to Offer Adult Degree Completion Program

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is part of a statewide program that aims to help many Oklahomans return to college to finish their bachelor's degrees.

"ReachHigher: Oklahoma's Degree Completion Program" is designed for adults who attended at least two years of college but did not complete a bachelor's degree. Participants take college courses in a flexible, adult-friendly format and, when finished, will have a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership.

The universities that offer the degree include: SWOSU; Northeastern State University in **Tahlequah**, Cameron University in **Lawton**, East Central University in **Ada**, Langston University in **Langston**, Northwestern Oklahoma State University in **Alva**, Rogers State University in **Claremore** and the University of Central Oklahoma in **Edmond**.

Dr. Les Crall, associate dean of the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology, is a member of a state-wide committee that designed the program, which is still considered a young program in the state of Oklahoma. With a degree in organizational leadership, graduates will be prepared for job promotions, pay raises or new careers that require a bachelor's degree. They will be equipped with communication skills, leadership concepts and other knowledge and skills that are relevant in the workforce.

To qualify for ReachHigher, students must already have earned at least 72 credit hours, hold at least a 2.0 grade point average, be at least 21 years old and not enrolled as a full-time student for at least one year.

Students can apply for the program by calling the SWOSU Registrar's Office at 580.774.3777 or visiting www.reachhigheroklahoma.org.