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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Lo Bennett announced today an Adult Education Training Seminar for Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel, November 27 through December 2, at the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

The Seminar will be held at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education on the university campus. It will be the first national effort by the Bureau to train its adult educators intensively about the current problems of the profession.

Bennett said the Bureau will send its entire adult education staff to the seminar, along with assistant area directors and community development officers.

Some of the country's top adult education experts will appear, including representatives from the Universities of Chicago, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and Roosevelt University of Chicago.

Other speakers will include top officials from the Adult Education Association of the United States; the National University Extension Association, and the Research Studies and Training Center for Adult Education.

"This seminar is in line with the Bureau's intensive effort to clean up the gray areas of Indian education," Bennett said o "Pre-school work, basic education, high school equivalency, and the development of human resources fall into these areas."

Adult education is highly important to the Indian who wants to move forward in society, on or off the reservation."

Bennett went on to point out that the 48 hours of intensive instruction the seminar will offer is only part of an ever-expanding program to bring Bureau personnel up to the professional competence demanded by current innovations in the field.

Dr. William Ro Carmack, BIA Assistant Commissioner for Community Services, will wind up the five-day program by presenting certificates of accomplishment to the participants.