



Assistant Professor of Practice Faculty Position Restaurant and Foodservice

About the University:

Established in 1923, Texas Tech University is a Carnegie R1 (very high research activity) Doctoral/Research-Extensive, Hispanic Serving, and state-assisted institution. Located on a beautiful 1,850-acre campus in Lubbock, a city in West Texas with a growing metropolitan-area population of over 300,000, the university enrolls over 40,000 students with 33,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students. As the primary research institution in the western two-thirds of the state, Texas Tech University is home to 10 colleges, the Schools of Law and Veterinary Medicine, and the Graduate School. The flagship of the [Texas Tech University System](#), Texas Tech is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. It is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

Referred to as the “Hub City” because it serves as the educational, cultural, economic, and health care hub of the South Plains region, Lubbock boasts a diverse population and a strong connection to community, history, and land. With a mild climate, highly rated public schools, and a low cost of living, Lubbock is a family-friendly community that is ranked as one of the best places to live in Texas. Lubbock is home to a celebrated and ever-evolving music scene, a vibrant arts community, and is within driving distance of Dallas, Austin, Santa Fe, and other major metropolitan cities. [Lubbock’s Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) provides a comprehensive overview of the Lubbock community and its resources, programs, events, and histories.

About the College:

As one of the four original colleges at Texas Tech University at its founding in 1925, the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) has a rich history of investing in students, preparing them to impact the world around them. The College of Health and Human Sciences provides multidisciplinary education, research, and service focused on individuals, families, and their environments to improve and enhance the human condition. The College offers a wide range of outstanding and nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate programs and encompasses seven academic departments. In further supporting its vision of providing premier research, outreach, and educational programs that enhance human well-being worldwide, the CHHS is also home to six centers and five institutes. When they graduate, our students are making an impact as educators, healthcare professionals, financial planners, hospitality managers, fashion merchandisers, designers, counselors, and nutrition experts. We are a destination for health and human sciences.

About the Department/School/Area:

Hospitality & Retail Management is one of eight departments in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Over 400 students study in the Restaurant, Hotel, & Institutional Management and Retail Management programs.

Position Description:

The Department of Hospitality and Retail Management in the College of Health and Human Science at Texas Tech University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month, Assistant Professor of Practice to begin September 1, 2025). The Assistant Professor of Practice will teach in the Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management program with a focus on undergraduate restaurant operations courses. The professor of practice will serve as the General Manager overseeing the staff and working with the Executive Chef to coordinate student-learning experiences at the department's functioning restaurant lab, Skyviews. The professor of practice will also work with the department on new revenue producing and experiential learning activities at Skyviews. The professor of practice will work with department administration to meet budget and revenue objectives. The Assistant Professor of Practice will not be expected to perform research but to assist with any research that is being conducted at Skyviews.

Major/Essential Functions:

At Texas Tech University, the Professor of Practice title is used to recruit individuals with exceptional backgrounds and achievements in academic, business, government, or other professional practice. Primary responsibilities normally will be to teach in an area of expertise, mentor students in professional and career preparation, and liaise with professional contacts and entities on behalf of the department or program.

In line with TTU's strategic priorities to engage and empower a diverse student body, enable innovative research and creative activities, and transform lives and communities through outreach and engaged scholarship, applicants should have experience working with diverse student populations at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels within individual or across the areas of teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

As a faculty member in the Department of Hospitality and Retail Management in the College of Health and Human Science at Texas Tech University you will be expected to:

- Teach undergraduate students in a classroom setting the operational aspects of managing a restaurant, hospitality aspects of working with guests, and the management goals for front and back of the house.
- Mentor students in the restaurant Skyviews on implementing management operations, customer service, and front and back of the house management
- Mentor students along with the Executive Chef on menu creation and design
- Work with the community on events and promotion of the restaurant
- Work with the executive chef on catering and events
- Work with the Department administration on executing plans for the restaurant and on achieving budget goals.

Required Qualifications:

1. A bachelor's degree in hospitality management or closely related field.
2. Restaurant and/or institutional food service management experience.
3. Experience with catering and special events.

4. Demonstrated teaching experience, either in a classroom or through demonstrated employee training.
5. Demonstrated mentorship and/or training on customer service.

Preferred Qualifications:

In addition to the required qualifications, individuals with the following preferred qualifications are strongly encouraged to apply:

1. A master's degree in hospitality management or closely related field.
2. Significant restaurant industry experience in both the front and back of the house management.
3. Demonstrated teaching experience, particularly in a culinary laboratory/restaurant.
4. Experience with community outreach.
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Safety Information:

Adherence to robust safety practices and compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations are responsibilities of all TTU employees.

Equal Opportunity Statement:

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.

Special Instructions to Applicants:

Please include the following documents in your application:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Cover Letter
3. Other document(s) directly related to required qualifications
4. List of references

Questions about this position should be directed to Dr. Shane Blum, Search Committee Chair at shane.blum@ttu.edu. If you need assistance with the application process, contact Human Resources, Talent Acquisition at hrs.recruiting@ttu.edu or 806-742-3851.

Application Process

The deadline to submit applications is May 15, 2025.

To ensure full consideration, please complete an online application at:

<http://www.texastech.edu/careers> Requisition # **40780BR**

Direct link to the position:

https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25898&siteid=5637#jobDetails=888636_5637