

Pathway	Initial Certification	Post-Certification Requirements	Final Certificate Type
<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Certification Program (Boot Camp)</p> <p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-year degree with 2.75 or higher GPA (Note: some universities will not accept a "General Studies" degree as part of the requirements for admission to the graduate program) • Apply and be accepted into a master's degree Special Education program from an accredited university or college. • Obtain a recommendation letter from either a school district or an institute of higher education. • Complete a 150- clock hour boot camp, including 120 hours of training and 30 hours of field experience in special education. • Submit a certificate of completion of an "approved" boot camp. • Also submit to OSDE "Non-Traditional Special Education Provisional Certificate Application" along with an official transcript of at least the bachelor's degree and pay the application fee. • Fingerprinting/Background Check is required as part of the application process but a separate fee. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Provisional</p> <p>Good for only one year. Renewable for up to two additional years.</p> <p>Must renew annually with proof from an accredited college or university of at least six (6) credit hours completed toward the master's degree each year.</p> <p>OR until the required master's degree hours are completed, whichever comes first.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOR for IEPs</p> <p>Within three years, pass the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPAT, • OSAT in a special education area in either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mild/Moderate OR ○ Severe/Profound OR ○ Blind/Visual Impairment OR ○ Deaf/Hard of Hearing OR ○ Special Education Comprehensive Assessment <p>NEW as of 2022: Covers both Mild/Moderate AND Severe/Profound. It does NOT cover Blind/Visual Impairment or Deaf/Hard of Hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 18 hours toward a master's degree in special education from an accredited college or university. <p>After the completion of master's level prescribed coursework and passing the PPAT and OSAT, then Submit to OSDE the "Application for Oklahoma School Certificate" along with an official transcript(s) of master's level coursework, and payment for the application fee for a standard certificate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Standard</p> <p>Teacher Certificate Special Education OSAT area passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild/Moderate OR • Severe/Profound OR • Blind/Visual Impairment OR • Deaf/Hard of Hearing OR • Special Education Comprehensive Assessment <p>NEW as of 2022: Covers both Mild/Moderate AND Severe/Profound. It does NOT cover Blind/Visual Impairment or Deaf/Hard of Hearing.</p> <p>Must also be certified in a Core Subject Area to teach in a content area and place grades on a report card – See Section 2 below for more information.</p> <p>Renew every 5 years.</p>

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<p align="center">Earn a master's degree in Special Education</p> <p>Take and pass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSAT for special education certification in either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mild/Moderate OR ○ Severe/Profound OR ○ Blind/Visual Impairment OR ○ Deaf/Hard of Hearing OR ○ Special Education Comprehensive Assessment <p>NEW as of 2022: Covers both Mild/Moderate AND Severe/Profound. It does NOT cover Blind/Visual Impairment or Deaf/Hard of Hearing.</p> <p>NOTE: A candidate with a master's degree in special education is eligible to forego taking the special education OSAT by submitting a transcript, university degree plan and course descriptions to the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA). If approved, the candidate may be certified without taking the special education OSAT.</p> <p><u>Request for Advanced Degree/OSAT Comparability</u></p> <p>Submit to the OSDE the "Application for Oklahoma School Certificate" along with an official transcript(s), recommendation letters, and payment for the application fee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingerprinting/Background Check is required as part of the first-time application process but a separate fee. 	<p align="center">Initial</p> <p>A provisional will be issued for a specified time period determined by the Office of Teacher Certification until the PPAT is passed, whichever comes first.</p>	<p align="center">TOR for Grades</p> <p>Pass the OSAT in a general education subject area to be TOR for placing grades on a report card.</p> <p>Teaching Alternate Standards: Teaching students with cognitive delays with alternate standards or concepts requires: Elementary Education, which covers grades 1st - 12th</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>Early Childhood Grades Pre-K to 3rd</p> <p>Teaching Oklahoma Academic Standards: Teaching students with mild disabilities or basics is dependent on the grade level and/or subject area assigned</p> <p>For example: Assignment is a high school, Special Education English class, then the candidate would need to pass the OSAT for English.</p> <p>Once a passing score on the OSAT has been received, then submit to OSDE the "Application for Adding Areas to Existing Certificate" and payment for the application fee.</p> <p>NOTE: Additional OSAT areas are not added automatically—must complete an application, along with payment for the application fee.</p>	<p align="center">Standard</p> <p>Teacher Certificate that corresponds to the OSAT passed.</p> <p><i>Exception: For the Elementary and Early Childhood OSATs, unless the transcript demonstrates appropriate coursework in Early Childhood or Elementary Education, the certificate will denote "Early Childhood Special Education" or "Elementary Special Education". Use of this certification is expressly limited to only a special education setting.</i></p> <p align="center">Renew every 5 years.</p>

For more information about the PPAT go to the [ETS Performance Assessments](#) website. Deadlines for task submissions can also be found at the same website under "[Dates and Deadlines for the PPAT Assessments.](#)"