



## Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Teacher Certification

The non-traditional route to special education teacher certification provides a method for individuals with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree to obtain a special education certification. Candidates must complete a 150-hour program that includes 120 hours of special education training known as "Boot Camp" and 30 hours of field experience. Upon completion the State Board of Education will issue a one-year provisional certificate to teach in the area of mild/moderate or severe/profound disabilities grades PreK-12.

Candidates who meet the following criteria may attend a Boot Camp program through the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services at no cost:

- ✓ Have earned any four-year degree from an Institution of Higher Education holding Regional Accreditation;
- ✓ Have a Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher from a previous degree program;
- ✓ Have a recommendation from a representative at a school district or Institution of Higher Education;
- ✓ Pass a National Background Check;
- ✓ Commit to complete a Master's Degree or Certification in Special Education; and
- ✓ Commit to remain with a district for at least three years after earning Standard Certification in Special Education.

Candidates who are interested in obtaining a non-traditional special education certification may submit an application to the State Department of Education. <http://www.ok.gov/sde/non-traditional-route-special-education-teacher-certification>. See Boot Camp Candidate Toolkit.

**OKC Boot Camp Dates: August 12, 2013 to September 7, 2013**

**Time: 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Saturday)**

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HB1233: <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB1233>

Oklahoma State Department of Education: <http://ok.gov/sde/special-education>

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