



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 (University requirement);
- ✓ 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 must submit an application to the State Department of Education. For additional information, please contact Tricia Hansen at: Phone: 405-521-3351 or Email: hb1233certification@gmail.com Oklahoma State Department of Education: <http://www.ok.gov/sde/non-traditional-route-special-education-teacher-certification>.

OSDE Boot Camp Dates: January 4, 2014 to March 15, 2014
Monday thru Friday Online (8.5 hours per week are required)
Saturday Classes 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Required)

Oklahoma City Public Schools Administration Building
January 25, February 22, and March 1
900 N. Klein Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK

Truman Elementary School Library
January 4, February 1, and March 15
600 Parkside Road
Norman, OK

At this time, all spaces have been filled. We are no longer accepting applications. 12/12/2013