



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 Tracey Lindroth 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>.