

TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) ▪ Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) ▪ Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam (OPTE)

Row Identifier	(Option 1) Traditional Teaching Certificate ALL AREAS Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	(Option 2) Alternative Teaching credential Law: 70 O.S. § 6-122.3 Effective November 1, 2009	(Option 3) ABCTE PassPort to Teaching Middle and Secondary Level Certificate Areas Law: SB 582 - Effective 4-22-09	(Option 4) Troops to Teachers Defense Authorization Act Public Law 102-484
	Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum retention GPA of 2.5 in a field that corresponds to an eligible certification area offered in the Alternative certification program. See application for eligible areas.	Hold a bachelor's degree
Preparation ➤	Have a certification recommendation from an Oklahoma institution of higher education	Verify <u>2</u> years of related experience <u>after bachelor's degree</u> OR college credit above a bachelor's degree Not required for Troops to Teachers	Accepted by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)	
Pre Cert Credential Req ➤			ABCTE issues a credential	
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET, appropriate OSAT(s), and the OPTE	Pass the OGET and approved OSAT(s)	Pass ABCTE approved middle level and/or secondary subject test and professional teacher test	
Requirement ➤	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	
Additional Requirement ➤		TCRP dissolved as of 7/1/14		
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate	OSDE Issues 3 yr credential	Middle Level or Secondary credential (Valid for 1 Year- non-renewable)	
Residency Program ➤	On Hiatus	On Hiatus	Participate in ABCTE mentoring program – One Year	
Additional Requirement ➤		Complete professional education requirements: semester hours and/or clock hours within 3 years Pass the OPTE within 3 years	Complete ABCTE mentoring program	
Standard Certificate ➤	OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues 5 yr Certificate	OSDE Issues Certificate	
Information ➤	Additional subjects may be added by testing except for Early Childhood and Elementary, Education Effective 11-1-09	Additional teaching fields may be added by testing <u>except for early childhood, elementary education and Special Education</u> (Effective 11-1-09)	Since the OSDE cannot renew the initial certificate you may not wish to apply until you have secured employment.	

Row Identifier	(Column 5) Teach for America Initial Application to Teach for America Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195	(Column 6) Four-Year-Olds and Younger Certificate Law: 70 O.S. § 11-103.7	Column 7) Career Development Program for Paraprofessionals to be Certified Teachers Law: 70 O.S. § 6-127A	(Column 8) Out-of-state Teachers Seeking Oklahoma License or Certificate	(Option 9) Non-Traditional Special Education
Degree ➤	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a bachelor's degree with at least a 2.5 retention GPA	Hold a bachelor's degree	Hold a Bachelor's
Preparation ➤	Accepted by Teach for America	Have 5 years experience with the Head Start Program	Have 1 year of experience as a teaching assistant in a public school in the area for which a teaching license is being pursued.		Complete 150 hr. State Board approved boot camp
Pre-requisite Credential ➤		Hold a current Child Development Associate (CDA) – 120 Clock Hours		Hold an out-of-state credential	Verification of boot camp completion
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET and the desired OSAT(s)	Pass the OGET and the OSAT in Early Childhood Education	Pass the OGET, pass at least one subject area test in the area of experience earned (Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education, or Special Education) and the OPTE	Pass the OGET, appropriate OSAT(s), and OPTE OR Provide proof from the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) of having passed out-of-state test(s) equivalent to the Oklahoma test(s) - Per OEQA rules -	Not required for the provisional but OPTE, OGET and OSAT are required by the end of the 3 rd yr
Requirement ➤	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the State Board of Education a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	
Additional Requirement ➤				Completed <u>Proof of Teaching Experience</u> form	
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues certificate (2-year validity)	OSDE Issues Standard Certificate	OSDE Issues one-year certificate (1-year renewable for up to 3 years)	OSDE Issues two-year provisional Certificate	OSDE issues a one-year provisional certificate
Residency Program ➤	Complete the course-work provided by Teach for America Program	Oklahoma Resident Teacher Program <u>not</u> required	On Hiatus	On Hiatus	On Hiatus
Additional Requirement ➤	Pass the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam within 3 years		Complete 12 semester hours professional education coursework related to the area sought, including a minimum of 3 semester hours in reading instruction, from an Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education which has an approved program accredited by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA).	If subject to Okla. Exams, applicant must pass Oklahoma Exams (all 3 types) or show equivalency as determined by the OCTP and teach for one year in Oklahoma.	Must complete 6 college credit hours to renew each year (2 renewals max). Must complete 18 total credit hours and receive recommendation for standard certificate from OK. approved program by the end of 3 rd yr
Standard Certificate ➤	OSDE Issues Certificate		OSDE Issues Certificate (Standard Certificate 5-Year Validity)	OSDE Issues Certificate	OSDE Issues Certificate upon recommendation from the college
Information ➤	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C., Elem and SPED, unless TFA verifies prog)	Additional subjects may not be added by testing	Additional subjects may not be added by testing	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except E.C., Elem and SPED unless area/s are on the out of state credential)	Additional subjects may be added by testing (except for early childhood & elementary