

# Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Teacher Certification

## Candidate process to receive certification:

Complete application to attend Boot Camp.<sup>1</sup>  
Application is approved by the Boot Camp provider.

Attend an approved Boot Camp.

Successfully Complete Boot Camp requirements.

Receive a completion certificate.

Apply for Provisional Certification.<sup>2</sup>

Obtain employment.

Acquire 6 credits of prescribed coursework per year.

Renew the Provisional Certificate.<sup>3</sup>

Pass the OGET, the OPTE, and  
Special Education OSAT exams.<sup>4</sup>

At the end of the 3rd year, candidates must meet  
the criteria for a standard teaching certificate.

Receive standard certification as  
a Special Education teacher.

<sup>1</sup> If an individual holds a current teaching certificate, they do not need to participate in the Boot Camp process.

<sup>2</sup> A background check must be completed for provisional certification.

<sup>3</sup> A Provisional Certificate may be renewed a maximum of 2 times.

<sup>4</sup> Candidates may take these certification exams at any point in this process. Please refer to the following link for more information on certification exams: [http://www.ceoe.nesinc.com/CE16\\_overview.asp](http://www.ceoe.nesinc.com/CE16_overview.asp).