



# Fine Arts Teacher Certification

We welcome individuals interested in teaching dance, speech/drama/debate, vocal music, instrumental music, and visual art education. This information is intended to guide current and future arts educators in Oklahoma. For further guidance, contact the OSDE Teacher Certification Office at (405) 521-3337 or Dr. Elizabeth Maughan, Director of Fine Arts, (405) 522-0863 or [elizabeth.maughan@sde.ok.gov](mailto:elizabeth.maughan@sde.ok.gov).

## Fine Arts Degree Programs

Colleges and universities across Oklahoma offer degree programs for various areas of teacher certification. This [database](#) is a list of all colleges and universities offering degrees in dance, speech/drama/debate, vocal music, instrumental music, and visual art education.

## Teacher Certification Information

The [Oklahoma State Department of Education \(OSDE\) teacher certification office](#) provides information regarding traditional certification, renewal, adding certification areas, transferring out-of-state certificates, and other subjects.

- [Traditional Teacher Certification](#)
- [Alternative Teacher Certification](#)
- [Emergency Teacher Certification](#) (Administrator Use Only)

## Teacher Certification Testing

The [Office of Educational Quality and Accountability \(OEQA\)](#), a separate agency of state government, is authorized by law to develop and administer the competency-based teacher tests. Three tests are currently required for Oklahoma teacher certification. The three tests are:

- the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET)
- the Oklahoma Subject Area Test(s) (OSAT)
- the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination (OPTE)

Interested applicants can find test information for all three exams on the website of the [Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators \(CEOE\)](#).



Fine Arts educators must take an Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) in the area they will be teaching: dance, speech/drama/debate, vocal music, instrumental music, and visual art education.

- [Dance Testing Preparation](#)
- [Instrumental/General Music Testing Preparation](#)
- [Speech/Drama/Debate Testing Preparation](#)
- [Visual Art Testing Preparation](#)
- [Vocal/General Music Testing Preparation](#)

## Alternative Certification Requirements

For those interested in alternative certification, be sure to follow the [guidelines for alternative placement](#).

Participants in the Alternative Placement program must complete **6 to 18 college credit hours of professional education**, or 90-270 clock hours of professional development approved by an Oklahoma school district, depending on prior education and experience. Professional education requirements must be completed within 3 years after entering the Alternative Placement program.

NOTE: All participants will be required to complete a college credit course addressing **classroom management** and a college credit course addressing **general or subject-specific pedagogical principles, or approved equivalents**.

For fine arts specific class options, contact Dr. Elizabeth Maughan, Director of Fine Arts, (405) 522-0863 or [elizabeth.maughan@sde.ok.gov](mailto:elizabeth.maughan@sde.ok.gov)

## Job Listings

The OSDE's new job match tool, [OKTeachermatch.com](http://OKTeachermatch.com), is now live on the Oklahoma Educator Credentialing System (OECS). This system will connect qualified educators with posted vacant certified positions. Please sign on to see current job openings.

Also, reach out to your professional organizations (Oklahoma Music Educators Association, Oklahoma Art Education Association, etc.) to discover job openings.

