

## Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist (OGES) Certification

1. Valid teacher certificate;
2. The equivalent of two years of full-time teaching experience at an accredited school under a valid state issued teacher credential;
3. Successful completion of an OCTP approved program with a minimum 18 hours of coursework;
4. Application with the university's recommendation for OGES certification submitted to the Oklahoma State Department of Education;
5. Passing score on the Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist (OGES) Certification Exam.
6. \$25 application fee to accompany the application to the Oklahoma State Department of Education;
7. Individuals who were licensed in Oklahoma prior to January 1, 2016, and have met items one and two above, will be excluded from the requirements of items three and four above and will be allowed to take the OGES certification assessment and apply for the area to be added to the teacher certification/standard;
8. Individuals who have received a Gifted/Talented endorsement and/or enrichment area on their teaching certificate may, prior to January 1, 2016, request that the endorsement be changed to an OGES certification if they have met items one and two above and pay the fee outlined in item 6. They will be excluded from the requirements of items three, four and five above.

The OGES certification cannot be substituted for required certifications in other areas.