

OPTIONS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Oklahoma State Board of Education (OSBE) ▪ American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) ▪ Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP)
Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) ▪ Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) ▪ Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam (OPTE)

Row Identifier	(Column 1) Alternative Placement Teaching License Effective 11-01-09** Law: 70 O.S. § 6-122.3	(Column 2) **ABCTE Middle and Secondary Level Certificate Areas Law: SB 582 – Eff. 7-1-2009	(Column 3) Teach for America Initial Application to Teach for America Law: 70 O.S. § 6-195
	Contact: Oklahoma State Department of Education (405) 521-2062	American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence <www.abcte.org>	Contact: Teach for America <www.teachforamerica.org>
Degree Requirement ➤	Bachelor's degree with a 2.5 grade point average and a major that corresponds to an Oklahoma teaching certificate other than Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Special Education (Master's Degree*)	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree
Preparation ➤	Verify 3 years of subject-related experience after bachelor's degree 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)	Accepted by Teach for America
Testing ➤	Pass the OGET and required OSAT that matches degree/major, <u>except Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Special Education</u>	Pass ABCTE desired middle level or secondary subject test and professional teacher test	Testing determined by Teach for America
Requirement ➤	Have on file with the OSBE a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the OSBE a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check	Have on file with the OSBE a current approved OSBI/FBI criminal history fingerprint check
Additional Requirement ➤	Receive a recommendation for certification from the Oklahoma Teacher Competency Review Panel Receive OSBE Approval		
Initial Credential ➤	OSDE Issues License	OSDE Issues Middle Level or Secondary Level License (Valid for 1 Year)	OSDE Issues License (Valid for 2 Years)
Residency Program ➤	Complete the Oklahoma Resident Teacher Program	Participate in ABCTE mentoring program – One Year	Complete the course-work and mentoring provided by Teach for America Program
Additional Requirement ➤	Within three (3) years, pass the OPTE and complete a professional education component as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a bachelor's degree – 18 college credit hours or 270 clock hours • With a post-baccalaureate degree – 12 college credit hours or 180 clock hours 		
Standard Certificate ➤	Apply for a Standard Certificate OSDE Issues a Standard Certificate (Valid for 5 Years)	Apply for a Standard Certificate OSDE Issues a Standard Certificate (Valid for 5 Years)	Apply for a Standard Certificate OSDE Issues a Standard Certificate (Valid for 5 Years)
Information ➤	With the exception of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, additional subjects in Middle and Secondary Level only may be added by testing Effective 11-1-09		

*Library media specialist, school counselor, reading specialist

**No Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or Special Education in Columns 1 and 2

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