

**HB 1233 Alternative Certification Program in Special Education
Oklahoma State University
College of Education**

HB 1233 provides for an alternative pathway to the special education classroom through the completion of provisional intensive preparation and university coursework.

To be eligible for admission to the program an individual must:

- *have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- *have a GPA of 2.75
- *commitment to complete master's degree or certification in special education
- *employable by a school district
- *commitment to remain with district for at least three years after earning the Oklahoma Standard Certification in Special Education

Phase One

The two-phased process begins with the completion of a **bootcamp preparation program**. At OSU the Boot Camp program is delivered in the form of three graduate courses:

- *SPED 5623 Characteristics of Mild-Moderate Disabilities
- *SPED 5743 Planning and Instruction in Special Education
- *SPED 5883 Classroom and Behavior Management
30 hours of Field Experience

Upon successful completion of the above coursework and clinical practice, the candidate can apply for a one-year (renewable up to two times) provisional teaching certificate in mild-moderate special education and seek employment in an Oklahoma school district.

Phase Two

The alternatively certified teacher must maintain their employment and complete 6 hours of coursework per year to renew the provisional certificate each year while they complete the university course requirements for Oklahoma standard certification.

To complete these requirements, individuals must apply to the program. See the Admission Timeline and Process information on the College of Education website.

http://education.okstate.edu/images/stcl/documents/sped_timeline.pdf

The 18-hour program and other requirements for completing the certification program are:

- *SPED 5123 Characteristics and Teaching of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- *SPED 4723 Transition to Adulthood
- *SPED 5683 Models of Instruction
- *SPED 5883 Assessment in Special Education
- *SPED 6543 School and Interagency Collaboration
- *CIED 5463 Assessment & Instruction in Reading

**Pass the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET), the Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT), and the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam (OPTE)

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