Alternative Placement Program
through the Oklahoma State Department of Education

Candidate requirements:

Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university
Two years of field experience in the area in which applying for certification
(experience may not be required if other requirements are met – see OSDE site for requirements).

Candidate should submit the Alternative Certification Evaluation Application with official transcripts,
résumé, and $50 fee. Expect approximately six weeks for response regarding acceptance into the program.
If accepted, OSDE will issue a letter outlining the next steps and the professional education requirement.

Upon acceptance, candidate completes the following:

- Background check for certification
- Pass OGET
- Pass OSAT (or OEQA approved NOCTI)

Then submit application for Initial Alternative Certificate with $50 fee.
Allow approximately six weeks for response Initial Alternative Certificate.

Within three years of obtaining Initial Alternative Certificate:

- Pass the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination (OPTE)
- Complete professional education component.
  (This requirement is outlined in your Alternative Placement Program acceptance letter.)
- Complete college credit course in classroom management.
- Complete college credit course in pedagogical principles (teaching methods).

Alternative Standard Certificate