



Alternative Placement Program

Library Media Specialist/Reading Specialist

This document provides the eligibility and program requirements for alternative certification for **Library Media Specialist or Reading Specialist**.

»» Eligibility

To be eligible for the program for **Library Media Specialist or Reading Specialist** applicants must meet one of the following **Education** components and one of the following **Competency** components.

1. Education Component
a. Master's degree with a retention GPA of 2.50 or higher <i>or</i> b. Master's degree with two years or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested <i>or</i> c. Terminal degree (e.g. PhD, EdD, MD, DO, JD, DVM, MFA, MLIS)
- and -
2. Competency Component
a. A graduate major (or 30+ relevant graduate credit hours) in a field that corresponds to the area requested <i>or</i> b. 15+ graduate credit hours in a field that corresponds to the area requested and one year or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested <i>or</i> c. Three years or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested (requires an employer letter) <i>or</i> d. Publication of an article in a peer-reviewed academic journal relevant to the area requested

- a. Master's degree with a retention GPA of 2.50 or higher
or
- b. Master's degree with two years or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested
or
- c. Terminal degree (e.g. PhD, EdD, MD, DO, JD, DVM, MFA, MLIS)

- and -

2. Competency Component

- a. A graduate major (or 30+ relevant graduate credit hours) in a field that corresponds to the area requested
or
- b. 15+ graduate credit hours in a field that corresponds to the area requested and one year or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested
or
- c. Three years or more of qualified work experience related to the area requested (requires an employer letter)
or
- d. Publication of an article in a peer-reviewed academic journal relevant to the area requested



Alternative Placement Program

Library Media Specialist/Reading Specialist

»» Program Requirements

Prior to Provisional Certification	
Subject Area Test	Must pass prior to applying for the provisional certificate
During Provisional Certification	
Professional Education Assessment	APK (formerly the PPAT and OPTE)
Two Professional Education College Courses	Classroom management
	Pedagogical principles (teaching methods)
Professional Development	Hours assigned will vary; 0 to 90 (assigned when the certificate is issued)

»» Process Overview

1. Apply for evaluation
 - a. Submit online application (\$50 fee and upload current resume)
 - b. Send official transcripts from **all** colleges/universities attended
2. Once approved, pass the appropriate subject area test (as determined by your evaluation)
3. Apply for provisional certificate
 - a. Complete a certification or dual background check (if not currently certified in Oklahoma)
 - b. Submit online application (\$50 fee)
4. Complete program requirements within three years (see next section below)
5. Apply for standard certificate
 - a. Send updated official transcript(s)
 - b. Submit online application (\$50 fee)
 - i. (If applicable) submit a signed district letter verifying professional development