



# 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**.

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### »» Eligibility

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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  
*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)

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#### 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



### »» Process

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. Submit online application (\$50 fee)
  - b. Send updated official transcript(s)
  - c. (If applicable) submit a signed district letter verifying professional development

### »» Program Requirements

Prior to Provisional Certification	
<b>Subject Area Test</b>	Must pass prior to applying for the provisional certificate
During Provisional Certification	
<b>Professional Education Assessment</b>	<a href="#">APK</a> – available starting June 3rd, 2025 (formerly the PPAT and OPTE)
<b>Two Professional Education College Courses</b>	Classroom management
	Pedagogical principles (teaching methods)
<b>Professional Development</b>	Hours assigned will vary; 0 to 90 (assigned when the certificate is issued)