

Non-Traditional Special Education (Boot Camp) Program

The Non-Traditional Special Education (Boot Camp) Program is for **Special Education**.

This program is not for general early childhood, elementary education, or secondary/PK-12 teaching areas.

»» Eligibility and Program Requirements

To be eligible for the first one-year provisional certificate, applicants must meet the requirements below.

Prior to Provisional Certification	
College Degree	Bachelor's degree
Boot Camp	150 clock hour boot camp (120 hours training, 30 hours field experience) with an approved provider (Oklahoma college or Oklahoma school district)

To upgrade the provisional certificate to a standard certificate, the requirements below must be completed.

During Provisional Certification	
Subject Area Test	Special Education Comprehensive Assessment <i>or</i> Mild/Moderate Disabilities <i>or</i> Severe-Profound/Multiple Disabilities
Reading Test	Foundations of Reading (FOR) assessment
Professional Education Assessment	APK (formerly the PPAT and OPTE)
18 Hours of Special Education College Courses*	A minimum of 6 hours must be completed each school year to renew the one-year certificate at no cost. The special education courses are determined by the college education department.

**A college education department with a state approved program (EPP) in special education, or an approved Oklahoma Boot Camp provider, must approve all 18 hours required for this program. A master's degree in special education waives the college approval requirement (C3 Form).*

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»» Process Overview

1. Complete a bachelor's degree
2. Complete an approved Boot Camp
3. Apply for the first one-year provisional certificate
 - a. Complete a certification or dual background check (if not currently certified in Oklahoma)
 - b. Send official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
 - c. Submit online application (\$50 fee) and upload Boot Camp completion letter
 - d. Make plans to take the subject area test, reading test, and professional education test within the next three years
4. Complete a minimum of 6 hours of special education coursework approved by the college (C3 Form)
5. Apply to renew for the second one-year provisional certificate
 - a. Send updated official transcript(s)
 - b. Submit online application (no fee) and upload the completed C3 Form
6. Complete a minimum of 6 hours of special education coursework approved by the college (C3 Form)
7. Apply to renew for the third, and final, one-year provisional certificate
 - a. Send updated official transcript(s)
 - b. Submit online application (no fee) and upload the updated C3 Form
8. Complete a minimum of 6 hours of special education coursework approved by the college;
18 hours are required to be eligible for standard certification
9. Complete testing requirements if not yet done
 - a. Pass an Oklahoma special education subject area test
 - b. Pass the Foundations of Reading (FOR) assessment
 - c. Pass the professional education assessment (APK/PPAT/OPTE)
10. Apply for standard certificate
 - a. Submit online application (\$50 fee) and upload the finalized C3 Form
 - b. Send updated official transcript(s)