



OSDE Spring Boot Camp

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring OSDE Boot Camp. The dates for Boot Camp will be January 8, 2022 – March 26, 2022. Please read the section below before submitting an application.

Boot Camp is one of the provisional special education teacher certification programs offered in Oklahoma. There are currently three boot camp enrollment options in Oklahoma: state-level offered by Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), district-level offered by some Oklahoma school districts, and higher education programs.

Candidates who meet the criteria below and are interested in obtaining a non-traditional special education certification may apply for consideration when cohorts are available. Space is limited, and acceptance into the OSDE boot camp program is not guaranteed.

Prerequisites for applying to Boot Camp:

- 4 year degree with a 2.75 or higher GPA

Next Steps:

- Recommendation from a representative at a school district or an institute of higher education
- Pass a national background check
- Commit to continued education at a master's degree level
- Complete a 150-clock hour boot camp program that includes 120 hours of training and 30 hours of field experience

***PLEASE NOTE:** You do not need to participate in Boot Camp to add special education to your teaching certificate if you hold a current Oklahoma Teacher Certification in any area. To add Special Education to your current certificate, you may take either the mild/moderate or severe/profound subject area tests.

To obtain the first provisional certificate after the completion of boot camp:

1. Pass the OGET and Mild/Moderate or Severe/Profound OSAT
2. Submit a certificate of completion of an approved boot camp
3. Submit Provisional Certificate Application and \$50.00

Converting to the provisional teaching certificate to a standard certificate over the subsequent three-year period:

1. Pass the OGET and Mild/Moderate or Severe/Profound OSAT
2. Complete 18 hours toward a master's degree in special education from an accredited college. Minimum completion of at least 6 credit hours each year is required in order to renew the provisional certificate.
3. Successfully complete the PPAT
4. Submit application for a standard certificate and \$50.00

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