

**HB 1233 Alternative Certification Program in Special Education
Oklahoma State University College of Education and Human Sciences
(Boot Camp)**

HB 1233 provides an alternative pathway to the special education classroom through the completion of provisional intensive preparation and university coursework.

To be eligible for admission to the program an individual must:

- have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- have a GPA of 2.75 or higher from previous degree program
- commit to completing a master's degree or certification in special education
- be employable by a school district
- pass a National Background Check

Phase One

The two-phased process begins with the successful completion of a special education Boot Camp. OSU delivers the Boot Camp program in the form of three **online** graduate courses and a field placement. The Boot Camp core is offered each Spring semester and includes the following courses and a field placement.

- SPED 5620 Practicum with Exceptional Learners (2 credit hours; 30 hours field experience)
- SPED 5683 Models of Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms
- SPED 5783 Assessing Students with Disabilities
- SPED 5883 Classroom and Behavior Management

Upon successful completion of the above coursework and field experience, the candidate must submit a certificate of Boot Camp completion and a Provision Certificate Application, resulting in a one-year provision certificate.

Phase Two

The initial one-year provisional certificate may be renewed through submission of proof from an accredited college of successful completion of at least 6 credit hours toward a special education master's degree. The provisional certificate may be renewed a second time through submission of proof from an accredited college of another successful completion of at least 6 credit hours toward a special education master's degree.

To convert the provisional certificate to a standard certificate, the candidate must:

- Pass the state Mild/Moderate or Severe/Profound exam (OSAT)
- Complete 18 credit hours toward a master's degree in special education
- Successfully complete the PPAT
- Submit an application for a standard certificate

OSU offers a 36-credit online master's degree in special education that focuses on working with children with mild/moderate disabilities in the special education and inclusive general education classrooms. OSU courses taken to complete boot camp and certification renewal requirements will be applied toward the master's degree. More information about this program can be found on our website:

<https://osuonline.okstate.edu/programs/graduate/special-education-master-of-science.html>

Application Process

Applications must be submitted at <https://gradcollege.okstate.edu/application-process/index.html>.

Students will receive notification of admission status within 4-6 weeks after all application materials are submitted. Applicants must submit the following documents during the application process.

- Transcripts from undergraduate degree
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- Professional goal statement that strongly reflects mission of degree.
- Copy of Boot Camp completion letter (*only applies to applicants who completed an OSDE approved Boot Camp before applying to OSU*)

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