

Thank you for your interest in the UCO alternative Graduate Program. We are looking for individuals with a BA degree who are interested in teaching individuals with disabilities. Following admission into the Jackson College of Graduate Studies and the completion of a Trak – 1 background check there are a sequence of items that you will complete.

The Boot Camp required courses are:

- SPED 5123 Teaching Individuals with Disabilities - many options to choose from each semester
- SPED 5212 Legal Aspects in Special Education – Spring semesters Wednesday 4:00 – 6:20pm
- SPED 5303 Assessing the Exceptional Individual – Monday 4:30 – 7:15pm
- SPED 5443 Behavior/Classroom Management – Thursday 4:30 – 7:15pm
- SPED 5900 Practicum with Boot Camp – arranged

This will give you the hours needed for the Provisional Certificate issued by the state department of education, and give you permission to apply for job openings in the state of Oklahoma. Additionally, you must complete 18 additional hours of course work after Boot Camp to complete Oklahoma certification.

Plan of Study: Please contact your Graduate Program Advisor, to develop a formal plan of study during your first semester.

1. **Financial Aid:** You are required to submit a copy of the Plan of Study to the Financial Aid Office if you are receiving and seeking a subsequent master's degree or required to complete undergraduate prerequisites.
2. **VA benefits:** If you are receiving VA benefits, a plan of study, signed by your graduate advisor, must be **submitted immediately** to the Graduate College for you to receive VA benefits.
3. **Graduation:** You are required to turn a copy of the most current Plan of Study in with your application for graduation. Deadlines for applying for graduation are Spring/Summer - February 15th and Fall – September 15th.

Graduate catalog – LEGAL document: You are responsible for the degree requirements as listed in the UCO graduate catalog which is in effect at the time you are admitted. You can review the graduate catalog at www.uco.edu/graduate.

Time to Degrees: UCO awards full credit for graduate hours completed within **6 years** of completion of students' first graduate courses. Courses 7 to 10 years old are awarded one-half credit. Credit hours more than 10 years old at the time of graduation will not be applied toward the master's degree.

Class schedules are available on the University of Central Oklahoma website, www.uco.edu - click on A-Z Site Index.

Enrollment dates: go to www.uco.edu/registrar click on **Enrollment Dates**. **NOTE:** If you are not enrolled at UCO for the current semester, scroll to bottom of web page to view graduate enrollment dates/times. If you are unable to enroll due to prerequisites, instructor permission, or class closed, contact either your Graduate Advisor or the Instructor to receive permission to enroll.