

Oklahoma Pathways to Full Teacher Certification

	Completion of a Bachelor's Degree	Passing Test Scores	Minimum GPA Average	Recommendation	Field Observations & Experiences	Student Teaching, Clinical Practice in a School	Completion of Specific Professional Education Coursework	Completion of Professional Education Portfolio	Background Check and Finger-printing	Successful Completion of a Residency Year Program
Accredited Professional Education Program	Based on academic and dispositional criteria	OGET OPTE OSAT	2.5	Recommendation from College of Education based on successful completion of Professional Education Program	Multiple	12 weeks	Coursework focuses on •content knowledge •instructional strategies •classroom management •assessment of learning	Demonstrates state mandated professional teaching competencies.	Yes	Yes
<u>Oklahoma Alternative Certification</u>	In a field that matches requested certification area	OGET OPTE OSAT	2.5	Recommendation from the Teacher Competency Review Panel & Oklahoma State Board of Education approval	Three years of subject-related experience after bachelor's degree	N/A	12 - 18 semester hours or 180 – 270 SDE approved clock hours professional development* depending upon degree level	N/A	Yes	Yes
<u>Troops to Teachers</u>	In a field that matches requested certification area	OGET OPTE OSAT	2.5	Recommendation from the Teacher Competency Review Panel & Oklahoma State Board of Education approval	N/A	N/A	12 – 18 semester hours or 180 – 270 SDE approved clock hours professional development* depending upon degree level	N/A	Yes	Yes
<u>Paraprofessional Credential**</u>	No specified degree field	OGET OPTE OSAT	N/A	N/A	Requires 1 year of experience in public school in the certificate area being pursued	N/A	Twelve hours in three years to include three hours of reading instruction	N/A	Yes	Yes
<u>ABCTE</u>	No specified degree field	ABCTE professional teaching knowledge exam and content area exam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Mentoring and induction program provided by ABCTE
<u>Teach for America</u>	No specified degree field	Testing determined by Teach for America	2.5	Recommendation from selection committee	N/A	Participants teach summer school for 2 hours per day	5 week summer training institute	N/A	Yes	Yes
Four Year Olds and Younger Certificate	No specified degree field	OGET OSAT in Early Childhood	N/A	Hold a current Child Development Associate (CDA)	Five years experience with Head Start Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A

* Professional Education Component Options - Classroom Management, Developmental Psychology, Educational Technology, Evaluation, Foundations of Education, Psychology of Learning, Substance Abuse Symptoms Identification, Teaching Methods

** Available for early childhood, elementary education, and special education certification only.