

Alternative Placement Program through the Oklahoma State Department of Education

Candidate requirements:

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university
Two years of field experience in the area in which applying for certification
(experience may not be required if other requirements are met – [see OSDE site for requirements](#)).

Candidate should submit the [Alternative Certification Evaluation Application](#) with official transcripts, résumé, and \$50 fee. Expect approximately six weeks for response regarding acceptance into the program. If accepted, OSDE will issue a letter outlining the next steps and the professional education requirement.

Upon acceptance, candidate completes the following:

- [Background check for certification](#)
- Pass [OGET](#)
- Pass [OSAT](#) (or [OEQA approved NOCTI](#))

Then submit [application for Initial Alternative Certificate](#) with \$50 fee.
Allow approximately six weeks for response  Initial Alternative Certificate.

Within three years of obtaining Initial Alternative Certificate:

- ▶ Pass the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination ([OPTE](#))
- ▶ Complete professional education component.
(This requirement is outlined in your Alternative Placement Program acceptance letter.)
- ▶ Complete college credit course in classroom management.
- ▶ Complete college credit course in pedagogical principles (teaching methods).

 Alternative Standard Certificate