

Highly Qualified Special Education Teacher

To be considered a “[Highly Qualified Teacher](#)” under the [State of Oklahoma standards](#), students should prepare to take a certification test in at least one general education area (early childhood, elementary, secondary subject area) and are encouraged to take additional courses as electives to prepare for these certification areas. Early Childhood and Elementary certification may be [added on](#) after the student has been traditionally certified in Special Education and passed the corresponding OSAT for the general education area. Secondary subject areas may also be added on after passing the corresponding OSAT.

To obtain more information about the Oklahoma Certification Tests, go to:
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Recommended Coursework to Prepare for Additional Certification

Early Childhood Education (15 Hours)

- EDEC 3213: Fundamentals of Instruction of the Preschool Child I
- EDEC 3223: Fundamentals of Instruction of the Preschool Child II
- EDEC 4123: Curriculum of Early Childhood Education
- EDLT 4303: Methods, Materials, & Organization of Literacy Programs for Young Children
- EDEC 4980: Practicum in Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education (6 Hours)

- EDLT 4713: Data-Driven Instruction in Language & Literacy
- EDEL 4063: Critical Inquiry and Integrated Instruction

Secondary Certification

Depending on the specific subject area requested, students should inform their advisors of their intent to become certified in secondary education early so they can develop an appropriate plan of study and field experiences that will help prepare them for the state exams.

Completion of State Exams

Prior to completion of the program of study, students who wish to obtain certification will need to successfully complete the Oklahoma Profession Teacher Education (OPTE), General Education Test (OGET), and the Mild/Moderate Disabilities Test (OSAT).

Additional OSAT certification exams will need to be taken and passed based on the Highly Qualified area chosen.

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