

Special Education Boot Camp for Oklahoma Students

What is the Boot Camp?

The Boot Camp was created to fill vacancies in the teaching shortage area of special education in the state of Oklahoma. Individuals who are interested in obtaining their special education certification will attend a 9 hour Boot Camp and complete an additional 18 hours of special education specific, graduate level course work. For additional information on the Boot Camp, please contact Special Education Program Coordinator, Dr. Kathleen Boothe (kboothe@se.edu)

Qualifications

Students must [apply](#) and be admitted into the graduate school.

To be admitted to the graduate school, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university with a minimum 2.75 overall GPA or minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours of courses, **or**
2. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA AND a packet consisting of a current resume, one professional letter of recommendation, and letter of application which outlines the applicant's career goals and objectives (including how an M.Ed. in Special Education will enhance their career) that must be reviewed and approved by program faculty, **or**
3. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university and at least 6 hours in a graduate program from a regionally accredited university with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and must be in good standing at previous university
4. No GRE is required for Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Once Admitted to the Graduate Program

Ensure to mark *"I am seeking initial licensure from OKSDE's special education boot camp from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and would like to obtain my Master of Education degree in the process."* on the Program Agreement form that you return to the graduate office.

The M.Ed. advisor, Ms. Teena Harlin, will contact students to create a degree plan and to provide students with background check information.

Begin Boot Camp Core courses in Mid-March.

SE Boot Camp Requirements

SE's Boot Camp core courses are part of SE's accelerated *fully online* graduate program. Courses last 7-weeks and the Boot Camp runs from mid-March to July. All Boot Camp Core courses *must* be taken together in consecutive 7-week terms as outlined in your degree plan. Background Checks need to be completed prior to the 1st week of class.

Required Boot Camp Core Courses

- **SPED 5113** Advanced Foundations of Special Education (Spring 2 term)
 - This course will include a 30 hours field experience
- **SPED 5073** Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (Summer 1 term)
- **SPED 5143** Advanced Instructional Strategies for Individuals with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (Summer 1 term)

Upon completion of the Boot Camp core, students are eligible for **Provisional Certification**. To obtain your Provisional Certification, students must:

1. [Order](#) an official transcript.
2. Contact Ms. Teena Harlin (tharlin@se.edu) to obtain a Boot Camp completion letter *and* an updated degree plan. She will email you this information – *You* are responsible for sending it into the state department w/ your application materials.
3. Complete the [Non-Traditional Special Education Provisional Certification](#)
4. Submit all above-mentioned materials, along with a \$50 application fee to the address found at the bottom of your certification application. You will need to have completed a [background check](#) on file with OSDE. This background check is different than the one you do for the SE Boot Camp.

To maintain the Provisional Certificate and obtain an Oklahoma **Standard Certificate**, students must complete *18 hours of additional graduate level coursework*. These 18 hours must be (a) completed in 3 years, (b) specific to Special Education and (c) at the graduate level. Students are also required to take and pass the [OGET](#), [OPTE](#), and Mild/Moderate [OSAT](#) during this time.

Required Courses for Additional 18 hours

- SPED 5023 Program Development and Organization in SPED
- SPED 5033 Research, Inquiry, and Evidence-Based Practices
- SPED 5043 Student Assessment & the RtI Process
- SPED 5063 Consulting, Collaboration, and Co-Teaching
- SPED 5093 Applied Behavior Analysis
- SPED 5153 Learning Environments & Social Interactions

To obtain a Master's degree at SE, students will need to complete one additional course - EDUC 5203 Introduction to Research. This course is offered every fall, spring, and summer.

Upon completion of either the additional 18 hours or the full M.Ed. program, students are eligible for their Standard Certificate. To obtain your Standard Certification, students must:

1. [Order](#) an official transcript.
2. Contact Ms. Teena Harlin (tharlin@se.edu) to obtain a Certification Recommendation Request. If you are *not* completing your master's degree, you will also need to request a letter stating you have completed 18 hours of SPED specific course work.



3. Send copy of OSAT scores *and* the completed Certification Recommendation Request form to Ms. Teena Harlin (tharlin@se.edu).
4. Complete the [Oklahoma School Teacher Standard Teaching Certificate](#).
5. Once you have received an email from Ms. Jennifer Arnold, SE's certification officer, submit your completed application and all required materials (e.g. official transcript or letter of 18 hour completion, \$50 processing fee, etc.) to the address listed on the application form. Do not send incomplete materials.