

SWOSU Offering Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Teacher Certification

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Education has been designated as a “Special Education Boot Camp Provider” by the State Department of Education and the university will offer boot camp courses (mainly online) this summer on the Weatherford campus.

Due to a teacher shortage in special education, Oklahoma House Bill 1233 provides for a non-traditional route to special education teacher certification. Potential applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Earned any four-year degree from an institution of higher education
- Have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher from a previous degree program
- Recommendation from a representative at an institution of higher education
- Pass a national background check
- Commit to complete a Master’s Degree or certification in special education

Interested candidates must make application through the SWOSU Department of Education.

SWOSU will offer summer boot camp courses in a blended format; the majority of coursework will be completed online and candidates will be on-campus for workshops on June 4 and July 23. The remaining courses in the M.Ed. program will also be offered in an online and/or blended format.

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