



Application for Oklahoma Paraprofessional to Apply for Teaching Certificate

Name _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> Last First Middle Maiden </div> Address _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Street or Rural Route Number</div> _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> City State Zip Code </div> (_____) _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> Daytime Telephone Number Evening Telephone Number </div> (_____) _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> Other number where you can be reached E-mail Address </div> Social Security Number: <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>									LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK
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CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to legislation, 70 O.S. 1991, § 3-104.1, every applicant is required to answer each of the following questions:

1. During the preceding ten-year period, have you been convicted of a felony? Yes ___ No ___
2. During the preceding ten-year period, have you been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude? Yes ___ No ___
3. Have you ever been convicted in Oklahoma, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), or received a suspended sentence for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime which is considered sexually related in nature? Yes ___ No ___
4. Have you ever been convicted, received a suspended sentence, or received a deferred judgment for a crime or attempted crime which was considered sexually related in nature in any other state or jurisdiction? Yes ___ No ___
5. Have you ever had adverse action taken against any educator certificate or license in Oklahoma or any other state or jurisdiction? Yes ___ No ___
6. Is any action now pending against you for alleged misconduct in any school district, court, or before any educator licensing agency in Oklahoma or any other state or jurisdiction? Yes ___ No ___
7. Do you currently have any outstanding criminal charges or warrants of arrest pending against you in Oklahoma or in any other state or jurisdiction? Yes ___ No ___

If the answer to any of the preceding questions is "Yes," state on a separate sheet of paper the nature of the charge and in what court or jurisdiction you were charged/convicted. You may be required to obtain and provide to the Oklahoma State Department of Education, official certified copies of all court and/or police records.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education has the authority to require state and national (fingerprint-based) felony background checks on any applicant. If a background check is required, it will be at the applicant's expense.

Are you a United States citizen? Yes ___ No ___

If the answer is no, the following applies to you.

Noncitizens of the United States are required to submit an unexpired United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) employment authorization document with the application before an Oklahoma teaching credential may be issued. Also include a copy of your social security card.

Falsification of any information pertaining to certification can result in denial, withdrawal, or revocation of the Oklahoma teaching credential.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Mail application to: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Professional Standards Section,
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room 212, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

Career Development Program for Paraprofessionals to Become a Certified Teacher

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION
(405) 521-3337



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A teaching assistant with at least one year of experience in a public school

A public school paraprofessional is an employee of a school district whose position is either instructional in nature, or who delivers other direct services to students and/or their parents. A public school paraprofessional serves in a position for which a teacher or another professional has the ultimate responsibility for the design, implementation, and evaluation of the individual educational programs or related services and student performance.

70 O.S. § 159.1

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) shall issue a one-year teaching license, renewable for up to three years, for early childhood, or elementary education, or special education to a paraprofessional who meets the following requirements:

Bachelor's Degree from an Accredited College

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At Least One Year of Experience in a Public School in the Area
for Which a Teaching License is Being Pursued

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- Pass the General Education Test, Oklahoma Professional Teaching Exam, and pass at least one subject area test: Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education, or Special Education
- Pass the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history record check

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OSDE Issues Teaching License to be Eligible for Employment

(Valid for One Year – May Be Renewed Up to Three Years)

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Upon Employment in a Public School, a Residency Committee is Required

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Within three (3) years, complete twelve (12) semester hours of professional education coursework from an accredited institution of higher education which has an accredited program related to the license sought. The twelve (12) semester hours must include a minimum of three (3) semester hours in reading instruction from a higher education program accredited by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

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Standard Teaching Certificate

State Board Rule Approved
by Governor May 2008

Revised State Board Rule
Approved by Governor
November 2008