

ABCTE offers a certification program ideal for knowledgeable and motivated professionals who want to change careers and become teachers, and for current teachers who need to earn their certification.

ABCTE certification was officially recognized by the Oklahoma Department of Education as a route to state certification in 2009. All teachers certified through ABCTE's program are considered highly qualified.

Current Oklahoma Certifications

- English (6-12)
- Math (6-12)
- General Science (6-12)
- Biology (6-12)
- Chemistry (6-12)
- Physics (6-12)
- US History (6-12)
- World History (6-12)

Requirements

All candidates for certification must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate mastery on subject area and professional teaching knowledge examinations. Prior to earning certification, candidates must also pass a federal background check.

Process:

1. Complete ABCTE's certification program
 - a. Certificate should be used within 3 years
 - b. ABCTE certificate is used in step 1 below

Oklahoma Department of Education requirements for using ABCTE certificate:
405-521-3301 www.sde.state.ok.us

1. Obtain a full-time teaching position
2. Apply to the Oklahoma State Board of Education for a one-year, nonrenewable secondary or middle level license
3. Apply concurrently for ABCTE Mentoring Program (\$595)
4. During first year in the classroom, complete 1 year of ABCTE's mentoring program
In order to begin the mentoring program
 - a. Must be teaching your ABCTE certified subject area
 - b. Our mentoring program combines the unique Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) developed by the University of Virginia and criteria developed by ABCTE.
 - c. Enroll and receive access to the CLASS video library and workbook, with examples of excellent teaching.
 - d. Select your mentor. After approval and training by ABCTE, he/she will observe you at least 6 times during the school year
 - e. Work with your mentor after each observation to improve your teaching practices
 - f. Once all criteria have been met, receive a certificate of completion from ABCTE
5. Apply for the Oklahoma Standard License, a 5-year renewable certificate