

Requirements, Steps and Deadlines for Enrolling into WGU



Degrees from the **WGU Teachers College** emphasize mastery of skills and knowledge that are essential for continued advancement.

► **Special Admissions Requirements for Programs Leading to Initial Teacher Licensure:**

Students seeking initial teacher licensure in a bachelor's, post-baccalaureate, or master's program must pass a state-specific basic skills test for the state in which they reside prior to their Demonstration Teaching (student teaching) practicum experience. This requirement can be met prior to admission or before beginning the Foundations of Teaching domain of study once you are in your WGU degree program. **For current admissions requirements for the WGU Teachers College, please visit: http://www.wgu.edu/admissions/tc_requirements**

WGU's teacher licensure programs also include Demonstration Teaching—a student teaching practicum that takes place in an actual classroom. The following are requirements to be completed prior to entering the classroom for this component of your program:

- Submit to a criminal background check.
- Take the Haberman Online Star Teacher Pre-screener. (Teacher candidates scoring in the lowest quartile will be directed to non-certification programs leading to a bachelor's or master's degree without licensure.)



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The Steps and Deadlines for Enrollment:

▶ Apply for Admission and Pay the Application Fee

You may apply for admission online at any time at www.wgu.edu/applynow once you're ready. The application fee is \$65. You can pay online using a credit card. You can also mail a check or call the Bursar's Office at 1-877-435-7948 ext. 3105 for help paying online.

Note: WGU does not "profit" from application fees as they only offset a small portion of admissions and enrollment costs.

▶ Send In Your Official Transcripts

If you have prior college experience, you must submit official transcripts from each college or university you have attended. Please order official transcripts now; they can take a few weeks to arrive. Your transcripts should be sent directly to WGU from the institution(s) you attended and should be received by the 10th of the month prior to your intended start date.

Learn more about how to send in official transcripts at www.wgu.edu/transfer.

▶ Complete the WGU Readiness Assessment

The WGU Readiness Assessment is a three-part online test designed to determine your likelihood of success at WGU. Your Enrollment Counselor can answer questions regarding this assessment.

▶ Satisfy Your First Tuition Obligation

Your first tuition payment will be due by the 22nd of the month prior to your intended start date. If you plan to use financial aid, you need to start the financial aid process right after you pay your application fee. There is a two-payment plan available to those who are not using financial aid. We strongly encourage you to make tuition arrangements or finish the financial aid process sooner than the 22nd, as this will permit you to begin your orientation, Education Without Boundaries, at any time after the 15th of the month.

▶ Interview with Your Enrollment Counselor

You should have one or more interviews with your designated Enrollment Counselor to help determine if WGU is a good fit for you. The calls help ensure you have accurate and appropriate information about WGU, your program, and what will be expected of you. Normally, your Enrollment Counselor must make a recommendation for you to be admitted. **In addition, you'll need a 20-30 minute Intake Interview to finalize your enrollment and officially establish your program start date.** (The Intake Interview typically needs to occur by the 15th of the month prior to your intended start date.)

▶ Complete Orientation

Once you are cleared to begin (after sending in your transcripts and paying tuition) you can begin your orientation, Education Without Boundaries. This orientation will acquaint you with WGU's unique competency-based academic approach and link you to the various learning resources you'll utilize throughout your program. You should complete orientation before starting your program on the first of the month.

