

ALABAMA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Alabama through a state authorization reciprocity agreement (NC-SARA). More information about NC-SARA is available on their [website](#).

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Alabama do so primarily through the reciprocity pathway. Licensing through reciprocity means that candidates must first acquire a Utah teaching license before applying for licensure in their state. Not all states require reciprocity for all programs. Those enrolled in the MA Mathematics and MA Science programs will use the direct licensure pathway. Direct licensure is available when a state allows candidates to be licensed upon completion of a program that is approved in the state of Utah. Candidates apply for licensure upon WGU confirming completion of an out-of-state program. They are not required to obtain a Utah license. Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of Alabama can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU's education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Alabama for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education (Grades K-6)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education (Grades K-6) and Collaborative Special Education (Grades K-6 and 6-12)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Collaborative Special Education (Grades K-6 and Grades 6-12)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics (Grades 4-8)
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School General Science (Grades 4-8)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics (Grades 6-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology (Grades 6-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry (Grades 6-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics (Grades 6-12)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology (Grades 6-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry (Grades 6-12) <i>or</i> Physics (Grades 6-12)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts (Grades 6-12)

*Advanced programs are for already licensed teachers who want to add an additional teaching area or field to their licenses. These programs are not intended for aspiring teachers seeking initial licensure.

The following programs are not available in Alabama:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Since Utah does not issue a middle grades science license, students should not enroll in this program.
- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Alabama does not have a license that aligns with Earth Science.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Alabama does not have a license that aligns with Earth Science.
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – Alabama requires a 300-hour practicum for the ESL endorsement. Since WGU's ESL program does not include a 300-hour practicum, students cannot earn the endorsement through WGU.
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – Alabama requires a 300-hour practicum for the ESL endorsement. Since WGU's ESL program does not include a 300-hour practicum, students cannot earn the endorsement through WGU.
- *MS Educational Leadership* – Alabama requires that educational leadership certification students complete an in-state administrator preparation program that has been approved by the Alabama Department of Education. Thus, Alabama educators cannot earn educational leadership certification in Alabama through completion of a WGU program.

Consumer Complaint Information

Students can refer to [this information](#) regarding the complaint process for those attending WGU in Alabama.

Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses must meet the licensure requirements for Alabama, but they are offered an expedited review during the credentialing process. Additional information about the opportunities for credentials as an educator for military members and their spouses in Alabama is available at [this link](#).