

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in the District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia do so through 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 District of Columbia as well as information on applying using the direct licensure pathway can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

## Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education and Special Education (Non-Categorical)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Special Education (Non-Categorical)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Math (4-8)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Science (4-8)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics (7-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology (7-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry (7-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics (7-12)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology (7-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry (7-12) <i>or</i> Physics (7-12)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English (7-12)
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language
MS Educational Leadership*	Administrative Services Credential

\*Advanced programs are for already licensed teachers who want to add an additional teaching area or field to their licenses (or a separate license for Educational Leadership). These programs are not intended for aspiring teachers seeking initial licensure.

## The following programs are not available in the District of Columbia:

- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) if seeking the Earth Science license* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.

## Consumer Complaint Information

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

## Military Information

The District of Columbia has no special licensure provisions for military members, veterans, or the spouses of military members.