

# HAWAII

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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 state of Hawaii 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 Hawaii for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education K-6 and Special Education - Mild/Moderate K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Special Education - Mild/Moderate K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics 6-8
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Science 6-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics 6-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology 6-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry 6-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science 6-12 <i>or</i> Physics 6-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English 6-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages K-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.

Educators holding a current Hawaii teaching license can apply to add a teaching field to that license by completing a state-approved teacher preparation program in that field, by completing coursework, or by passing the appropriate content exam. Educators looking to add a new teaching field at a new grade level will need to take the corresponding PLT exam. For further information on these options and on which endorsements are available, please see the [instructions](#) for adding a field to a Hawaii license.

### The following program is not available in Hawaii:

- *MS Educational Leadership* – Hawaii requires that educational leadership candidates complete in-state training through the Hawaii Certification Institute for School Leaders (HICISL) program, coordinated by the Hawaii Department of Education. Thus, Hawaii educators cannot earn educational leadership certification through completion of a WGU program.

## Consumer Complaint Information

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

## Military Information

Hawaii supports the Joining Forces Pledge and will work with military personnel and their spouses to facilitate licensing. More information is available at [this link](#).