

ILLINOIS

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Illinois 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 Illinois 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 an advanced program 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 Illinois can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU's education preparation programs are designed to satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Illinois for the licenses listed below. However, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) makes all final determinations as to license eligibility in Illinois.

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education 1-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary 1-6 and Learning Behavior Specialist I Pk-21
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Learning Behavior Specialist I Pk-21
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics 6-8 & 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics 9-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology 9-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry 9-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science 9-12 <i>or</i> Physics 9-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts 6-8 & 9-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal PK-12

*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 due to licensing requirements for reciprocity with Utah:

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military personnel and spouses should refer to [this link](#) for licensing information and opportunities.