

LOUISIANA

Institutional Authorization

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education, Grades 1-5
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades 1-5 and Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Grades 1-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Grades 1-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Grades 4-8 Mathematics
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Grades 4-8 Science
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 Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Science, 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> Earth Science, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 6-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English/Language Arts, Grades 6-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language [^]
MS Educational Leadership*	Educational Leader Level 1

*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.

[^]English as a Second Language certification will be valid only in the teaching area(s) in which one is certified. This certification area applies only to teachers of children with limited English-speaking ability.

Students seeking to add an endorsement to their Louisiana teaching certificate should be aware of this information:

- *Adding an Endorsement at the Same Grade Level (Secondary > Secondary)* – Louisiana Secondary Educators may add endorsements to their license by passing an additional Praxis exam in the new subject area.
- *Adding an Endorsement at a New Grade Level (Elementary > Secondary)* – Louisiana Elementary, Middle Grades, or Special Education Educators may add secondary endorsements to their license by either passing both a Praxis pedagogy (PLT) exam AND the appropriate content exam, or by completing 30 credit hours in the new content area.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to [Louisiana Statutes: Chapter 59, Section 3651](#) for specialized licensing opportunities.