

# MAINE

## Institutional Authorization

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	General Elementary, K-8
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	General Elementary K-8 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities K-8 and K-12**
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Teacher of Students with Disabilities K-8 and 7-12
MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics, 5-8
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Science, 5-8
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)*	Life Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Physical Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Physical Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physical Science, 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Life Science, 7-12 <i>or</i> Physical Science, 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, K-12
MS Educational Leadership*^	Building Administrator

\*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 BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure) program is designed to meet requirements for licensure for both K-8 and 7-12. The Maine Department of Education will determine whether to grant a license at the K-12 or only the Elementary School level upon application for this license.

Maine educators may apply for additional teaching endorsements by completing a state-approved teacher preparation program in the new teaching area or by completing prescribed coursework and field experiences. For details on requirements for specific endorsements, see the rules of the Maine Department of Education, [Chapter 115, Part II](#).

[MA Mathematics Education](#) and [MA Science Education](#) students who wish to add a secondary endorsement normally must complete 15 weeks of student teaching. However, students may also graduate from our programs, apply for a conditional certificate, and become employed in a secondary classroom using their conditional certificate. Once they obtain one year of teaching experience in a secondary classroom, they can then apply for the standard certificate without the need for student teaching.

^WGU's Educational Leadership Program satisfies most but not all requirements for the Building Administrator License. Candidates for the Building Administrator License must complete a course in Federal and Maine civil rights law and education laws. This course is not offered by WGU. Candidates may have completed this coursework during their initial licensure/undergraduate program. Maine's Department of Education will evaluate each candidates' completion of these course requirements.

**The following initial licensure programs are not available in Maine, as Maine requires those who complete an out-of-state program to hold a valid Maine teaching certificate in order to apply for endorsement at the middle grades level:**

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

### **Consumer Complaint Information**

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

### **Military Information**

Licensure provisions in Maine that extend special opportunities for military members and spouses do not include teaching licenses.