

MASSACHUSETTS

Institutional Authorization

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary, 1-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary, 1-6 and Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, PreK-8
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, PreK-8 or 5-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics, 5-8
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	General Science, 5-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics, 8-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, 8-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, 8-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science, 8-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 8-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, 8-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 8-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science, 8-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 8-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English 5-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language (ESL) PreK-6 or 5-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal/Assistant School Principal, PreK-8 or 5-12

*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.

Sheltered English Immersion Teacher Endorsement for initial licensure programs: Graduates of WGU teacher preparation programs will be eligible for 5-year Preliminary certification in Massachusetts. Educators must obtain the Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) endorsement in order to be eligible for an Initial teaching certification. To be eligible for the Sheltered English Immersion endorsement, they must pass the [MTEL Sheltered English Immersion \(56\)](#) exam.

For those in the MA Mathematics Education and MA Science Education programs that would like to add a new teaching field at a different level (e.g. elementary to secondary), please see the [licensure handbook](#) for more information on coursework and practicum requirements.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Massachusetts offers licensing benefits for active duty military, relocated military spouses, and veterans. More information is available at [this link](#).