

MISSOURI

Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Missouri as “Western Governors University Missouri” or “WGU Missouri.” WGU Missouri was established by [Executive Order 13-04](#) under Governor Jay Nixon on February 15, 2013. WGU is approved to operate online degree programs by the [Missouri Department of Higher Education](#).

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Missouri will use one of three licensure pathways (reciprocity, approved, or direct) depending on their program. Information on which pathway a certain program utilizes is available [here](#). 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. An approved licensure pathway is available when a WGU education program is approved in a state. A candidate may apply for a license in that state based on state program approval. Not all programs are approved in all states. 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 Missouri can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU’s education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Missouri for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education 1-6 and Special Education Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities (Grades K-12)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Mathematics (Grades 5-9)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Science (Grades 5-9)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Secondary Biology (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Chemistry (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Secondary Earth Science (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Physics (Grades 9-12)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Biology (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Secondary Chemistry (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Secondary Earth Science (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Secondary Physics (Grades 9-12)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English (Grades 9-12)
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English Language Learners (Grades K-12)
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal (Grades K-8 or 7-12)

*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 program is not available in Missouri:

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – Missouri requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in Missouri may not enroll in this program, as they will not receive a teaching certificate.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to the Rules of Department of Higher Education [6 CSR 10-13.010](#) and Missouri Statute [168.021 \(5\)](#) for information on specialized licensing opportunities.