

# NEW YORK

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 initial licensure in New York for the following licenses (see note below regarding workshops):

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Childhood Education - Grades 1-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades 1-6 and Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Students with Disabilities - Grades 1-6
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)	Mathematics - Grades 5-9
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics - Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)	Biology - Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)	Chemistry - Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)	Earth Science - Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)	Physics - Grades 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology - Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry - Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth Science - Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics - Grades 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts - Grades 7-12
MS Educational Leadership*	School Building Leader

\*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.

New York requires completion of the following specific workshops for licensure, in addition to the WGU program requirements. Each of the trainings are only available from a provider approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

- [Child Abuse Identification Workshop](#)
- [School Violence Prevention and Intervention Workshop](#)
- [Dignity for All Students Act Training](#)
- [Autism Training](#) (for Special Education only)

### The following programs are not available in New York:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – New York does not have a general science option for middle grades licenses.
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* – New York does not have a general science option for middle grades licenses.

### The following advanced programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for licensure in New York.

These advanced programs will give students the opportunity to develop skills in curriculum development, design, and evaluation in the content area. However, the programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for licensure in New York. The NYSED will require additional coursework to be eligible for the designated endorsement, and the additional coursework will need to be completed outside of WGU.

- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)\**
- *MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)\**

- *MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)\**
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)\**
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)\**

WGU's Master of Arts in Mathematics Education and Master of Arts in Science Education programs do not meet all of the prerequisites for endorsement in these areas and those seeking licensure will be required to complete additional coursework outside of WGU to obtain these endorsements.

The English Language Learning (ELL) program prepares already licensed teachers to develop significant skills in ELL curriculum development, design, and evaluation. However, this program does not meet all requirements for an English to Speakers of Other Languages endorsement in New York. The NYSED will require additional coursework to be eligible for the endorsement, and the additional coursework will need to be completed outside of WGU.

### **Consumer Complaint Information**

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

### **Military Information**

Military spouses are entitled to expedited review of their application for teacher licensure. More information about this process is available at [this link](#).