

VIRGINIA

Institutional Authorization

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education PreK-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education PreK-6 and Special Education - General Curriculum K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Special Education - General Curriculum K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Education Mathematics, 6-8
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Education Science, 6-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Secondary Biology, 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Chemistry, 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Secondary Earth Science, 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Physics, 6-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Biology, 6-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Chemistry, 6-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Earth Science, 6-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Physics, 6-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English, 6-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language PreK-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Level I Administration and Supervision PreK-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.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military personnel and spouses should refer to the Code of Virginia Title [54.1-117](#), [54.1-118](#), and [54.1-119](#) for specialized licensing information and opportunities.