

WASHINGTON

Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Washington as “Western Governors University Washington” or “WGU Washington.” WGU Washington was established by the passing of Substitute House Bill 1822, effective July 22, 2011 and was signed into law by Christine Gregoire, Governor of the State of Washington. WGU offers its programs in Washington under that [legal authority](#).

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Washington do so primarily through the approved licensure pathway. 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. Those enrolled in the MAT English Education (Secondary) program who wish to obtain an English Language Arts certification will use 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 Washington can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Residency Elementary Education
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Residency Elementary Education and Special Education
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Level Mathematics
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Level Science
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Designated Science Biology
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Designated Science Chemistry
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Designated Science Earth and Space Science
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Designated Science Physics
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Designated Science Biology <i>or</i> Designated Science Chemistry <i>or</i> Designated Science Earth and Space Science <i>or</i> Designated Science Physics
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English Language Learners
MS Educational Leadership*	Administrator (First Issue)–Principal

*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 Washington:

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – Washington requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in Washington 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 Washington.

Military Information

Washington supports the “Troops to Teachers” program. More information about this program may be found at [this link](#). Military spouses are eligible for expedited consideration of their licensure request. More information is available at [this link](#).