

# WEST VIRGINIA

## Institutional Authorization

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades K-6 and Multi-Categorical Special Education K-6 and 5-Adult
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Multi-Categorical Special Education K-6 and 5-Adult
MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	General Math through Algebra I, Grades 5-9
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	General Science, Grades 5-9
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, Grades 5-Adult
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biological Science, Grades 9-Adult
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, Grades 9-Adult
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth/Space Science, Grades 5-Adult
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, Grades 9-Adult
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biological Science, Grades 9-Adult <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 9-Adult <i>or</i> Earth/Space Science, Grades 5-Adult <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 9-Adult
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, Grades 5-Adult
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, Grades Pk-Adult
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal, Pk-Adult

\*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.

Candidates seeking to add an endorsement to their West Virginia teaching certificate should be aware that educators holding current West Virginia Professional Teaching Certificates can apply to add endorsements to their certificates solely upon the basis of passing the corresponding West Virginia content exam. More information is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

**The following initial licensure programs are not available, as West Virginia requires applicants for a middle grades license to have a major or equivalent in at least two content areas:**

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)*

## Consumer Complaint Information

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

## Military Information

Information on specialized licensure opportunities for spouses of military personnel is available at [this link](#).