

# IOWA

### Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Iowa 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 Iowa do so primarily through the reciprocity pathway. Those enrolled in an advanced program will use the direct licensure pathway. Information on the different licensure pathways is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of Iowa can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

### Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Teacher - Elementary Classroom (K-6)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Teacher – Elementary Classroom K-6 and Instructional Strategist I (K-8 and/or 5-12) Mild to Moderate
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)^ MAT Special Education^	Instructional Strategist I (K-8 and/or 5-12) Mild to Moderate)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics (5-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biological Science (5-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry (5-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Science (5-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics (5-12)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biological Science, (5-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry (5-12) <i>or</i> Earth Science (5-12) <i>or</i> Physics (5-12)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts (5-12)
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language (ESL) K-12

\*Advanced programs are for already licensed teachers who want to add an additional teaching area or field to their licenses. These programs are not intended for aspiring teachers seeking initial licensure.

To successfully obtain an endorsement to an Iowa license, an individual may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application, provided current requirements for that endorsement, as listed in the Iowa Administrative Code Sections [282-13.26 to 282-13.28](#), have been met. Additional details on adding an endorsement to an Iowa teaching license are available in the [licensure handbook](#).

**^ WGU has not made a determination as to whether these programs will meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Iowa as they have recently been introduced in the state.**

**The following programs are not available in Iowa (due to Iowa license restrictions, WGU does not currently allow enrollment into Middle Grades programs in Iowa):**

- *MS Educational Leadership* – Iowa has not approved WGU’s program in Educational Leadership.
- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*

**Consumer Complaint Information**

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

**Military Information**

Iowa supports the “Troops to Teachers” program. More information about this program may be found at [this link](#). Military spouses should reference [Iowa Code Annotated 272.8](#) for licensure opportunities.