

ARKANSAS

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Arkansas 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 Arkansas do so through the reciprocity licensure pathway. Information on the different licensure pathways is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of Arkansas as well as information on applying using the reciprocity licensure pathway can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU’s education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Utah for the licenses listed below. Once a candidate has obtained their Utah license, the candidate applies under the Arkansas reciprocity licensure system. Details related to the Arkansas reciprocity process are found at [this link](#).

Once a candidate has obtained their Utah license and has applied through reciprocity, a one-year provisional license in Arkansas may be available. **WGU has not made any determination as to whether its programs will meet the Arkansas reciprocity requirements as Arkansas makes that determination upon application of a Utah licensed applicant.** The Arkansas license, if available, is provisional because Arkansas requires that all teachers being licensed in elementary must complete a three-hour course in Arkansas History before receiving a standard Arkansas teaching license. This coursework is not offered by WGU and must be taken at a local Arkansas college/university. A one-year, non-renewable provisional teaching license is available for those that have not completed the three-hour Arkansas History course. During that year’s time, this course must be taken. For details regarding teacher licensure using the reciprocity pathway in Arkansas, please see [this link](#).

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary K-6^
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary K-6 & Special Education, K-12^
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education, K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Mathematics, 4-8
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Science, 4-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Life Science/Biology, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Life Science/Biology, 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth Science, 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English Language Arts, 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Building Level Administrator, P-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.

^Because a candidate is applying in Arkansas with a Utah K-8 Elementary Education license, the Arkansas Department of Education may also issue 4-8 licensure in the areas of English, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

When candidates apply for a reciprocal certificate in Arkansas, they will report their Utah test scores, and the state of Arkansas will either accept these in lieu of the Arkansas requirements or issue a one-year provisional teaching license. Candidates will then have one year to take any additional tests deemed necessary. For details regarding the Arkansas reciprocal licensing provisions, please consult [this link](#).

Advanced programs may lead to an endorsement to a license. Information on how to add an endorsement to an Arkansas teaching license is available in the [licensure handbook](#). WGU has not made a determination as to whether the advanced programs will lead to an endorsement to an Arkansas teacher license.

A graduate of the MS Educational Leadership program who wants to be certified as a Building Level Administrator in Arkansas must first apply for and receive a Utah School Administrator endorsement to their Utah license. WGU has not made a determination as to whether its program will lead to a reciprocal license in Arkansas as that determination is made by Arkansas Department of Education once the candidate has obtained the Utah license.

The following program is not available in Arkansas:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Since Utah does not issue a middles grades science license, student should not enroll in this program.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military members, veterans, and military spouses can reference the Arkansas Division of Elementary & Secondary Education [website](#) for information on licensure.