

CALIFORNIA

Institutional Authorization

The California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state private nonprofit institutions. Therefore, Bureau approval for WGU to offer distance education programs to students located in California is not required.

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in California will use one of three licensure pathways (reciprocity, approved, or direct) depending on their program. Information on the different licensure pathways is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Information on which pathway a certain program utilizes and complete details on licensure requirements in the state of California can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Preliminary Multiple Subject (Elementary Education)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Preliminary Multiple Subject (Elementary Education) and Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction: Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction: Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Preliminary Single Subject Foundational-Level Mathematics
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Preliminary Single Subject Foundational-Level General Science
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Preliminary Single Subject Mathematics
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Chemistry
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Geosciences
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Physics
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Chemistry <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Geosciences <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Physics
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Preliminary Single Subject English
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	CLAD (Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development)
MS Educational Leadership*	Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC)

*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. Applicants will receive a credential based on the initial license already held (preliminary, clear, etc.).

California requires the completion of a course (at least two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution or the passing of an exam. Information on this requirement (applicable to some programs) is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

Licenses obtained through the approved pathway include the English Learner Authorization (ELAM or ELAS). The ELAM/ELAS authorizes the holder to teach English Language Development (ELD) in an integrated and/or designated classroom in alignment with the attached multiple or single subject credential.

Approved pathway candidates must complete CPR certification training for licensure. The CPR certification must include adult, child, and infant CPR aid and must meet either American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC) standards. Certification does not need to meet OSHA standards.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

California offers an [expedited licensing process](#) for military spouses.