

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in the District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia do so through the direct licensure pathway. Information on the different licensure pathways is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Complete details on licensure requirements in the District of Columbia as well as information on applying using the direct 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 the District of Columbia for the following licenses:

| WGU Program | License |
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| BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education | Elementary Education |
| BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure) | Elementary Education and Special Education (Non-Categorical) |
| BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education | Special Education (Non-Categorical) |
| BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* | Middle School Math (4-8) |
| BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* | Middle School Science (4-8) |
| BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)* | Mathematics (7-12) |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)* | Biology (7-12) |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)* | Chemistry (7-12) |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)* | Physics (7-12) |
| MAT Science Education (Secondary) | Biology (7-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry (7-12) <i>or</i> Physics (7-12) |
| MAT English Education (Secondary) | English (7-12) |
| Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)* | English as a Second Language |
| MS Educational Leadership* | Administrative Services Credential |

*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 programs are not available in the District of Columbia:

- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) if seeking the Earth Science license* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

The District of Columbia has no special licensure provisions for military members, veterans, or the spouses of military members.