

# LOUISIANA

### Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 state of Louisiana 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 Louisiana for the following licenses:

| WGU Program  | License  |
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| BA Elementary Education<br>MAT Elementary Education  | Elementary Education, Grades 1-8   |
| BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)   | Elementary Education Grades 1-8 and Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Grades 1-12                                       |
| BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)<br>MAT Special Education   | Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Grades 1-12  |
| BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)<br>MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)<br>MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* | Grades 4-8 Mathematics   |
| BS Science Education (Middle Grades)<br>MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*  | Grades 4-8 Science   |
| BS Mathematics Education (Secondary)<br>MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)<br>MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*             | Mathematics, Grades 6-12   |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)<br>MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*                        | Biology, Grades 6-12   |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)<br>MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*  | Chemistry, Grades 6-12   |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)<br>MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*                                  | Earth Science, Grades 6-12   |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)<br>MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*  | Physics, Grades 6-12   |
| MAT Science Education (Secondary)  | Biology, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i><br>Chemistry, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i><br>Earth Science, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i><br>Physics, Grades 6-12 |
| MAT English Education (Secondary)  | English/Language Arts, Grades 6-12   |
| Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)*<br>MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*  | English as a Second Language^  |
| MS Educational Leadership*   | Educational Leader Level 1   |

\*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.

^English as a Second Language certification will be valid only in the teaching area(s) in which one is certified. This certification area applies only to teachers of children with limited English-speaking ability.

Students seeking to add an endorsement to their Louisiana teaching certificate should be aware of this information:

- *Adding an Endorsement at the Same Grade Level (Secondary > Secondary)* – Louisiana Secondary Educators may add endorsements to their license by passing an additional Praxis exam in the new subject area.
- *Adding an Endorsement at a New Grade Level (Elementary > Secondary)* – Louisiana Elementary, Middle Grades, or Special Education Educators may add secondary endorsements to their license by either passing both a Praxis pedagogy (PLT) exam AND the appropriate content exam, or by completing 30 credit hours in the new content area.

### Consumer Complaint Information

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

### Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to [Louisiana Statutes: Chapter 59, Section 3651](#) for specialized licensing opportunities.