

# MINNESOTA

### Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Minnesota 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 Minnesota 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 Minnesota 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 Minnesota for the licenses listed in the table below. Completers of an Initial Teacher Preparation program at WGU are eligible for a [Tier 3 Minnesota Educator License](#). Completers of an Advanced (Endorsement) Preparation program at WGU will be eligible to apply for an endorsement at the same tier as their current professional license.

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education, K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education K-6 and Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist, K-12
MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics, 5-8
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	General Science, 5-8
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)*	Life Science, 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science, 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 9-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Life Science, 9-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 9-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science, 9-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 9-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Communication Arts and Literature, 5-12
MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, 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.

### The following programs are not available in Minnesota:

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – Minnesota does not offer an initial middle school mathematics license.
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – Minnesota does not offer an initial middle school mathematics license.
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Minnesota does not offer an initial middle school science license.
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – Candidates must be enrolled in the master’s ELL program for ESL licensure in Minnesota.
- *MS Educational Leadership* – Minnesota only offers a license in Educational Leadership through a Minnesota-approved program at a Minnesota Institution.

### Consumer Complaint Information

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

### Military Information

Minnesota supports the “Troops to Teachers” program. More information about this program may be found at [this link](#). Minnesota does not offer specialized licensure opportunities for military personnel or spouses.