

# MISSOURI

### Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Missouri as “Western Governors University Missouri” or “WGU Missouri.” WGU Missouri was established by [Executive Order 13-04](#) under Governor Jay Nixon on February 15, 2013. WGU is approved to operate online degree programs by the [Missouri Department of Higher Education](#).

### Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Missouri 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](#). Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of Missouri can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

### Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education 1-6 and Special Education Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities (Grades K-12)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)^ MAT Special Education^	Special Education Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities (Grades K-12)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics (Grades 5-9)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Science (Grades 5-9)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Science (Grades 9-12)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics (Grades 9-12)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Earth Science (Grades 9-12) <i>or</i> Physics (Grades 9-12)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English (Grades 9-12)
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English Language Learners (Grades K-12)
MS Educational Leadership*	School Leader (Grades K-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.

^ **WGU has not made a determination as to whether these programs will meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Missouri as they have recently been introduced in the state.**

### Consumer Complaint Information

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

### Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to the Rules of Department of Higher Education [6 CSR 10-13.010](#) and Missouri Statute [168.021 \(5\)](#) for information on specialized licensing opportunities.