

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)*	Middle School Mathematics (Grades 5-9)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School 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.