

# NEW JERSEY

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in New Jersey 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 New Jersey do so primarily through the direct licensure pathway. Those enrolled in the BS Science Education (Secondary) programs or MAT Science Education (Secondary) program will license via reciprocity. Information on the different licensure pathways is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of New Jersey can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

## Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CEAS)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CEAS) and Students with Disabilities (CEAS)
MAT Special Education**	Students with Disabilities (CEAS)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)	Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics in Grades 5-8 (CEAS)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades)	Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science in Grades 5-8 (CEAS)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics (CEAS)
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)	Biological Science (CEAS)
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)	Chemistry (CEAS)
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)	Earth Science (CEAS)
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)	Physics (CEAS)
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biological Science (CEAS) <i>or</i> Chemistry (CEAS) <i>or</i> Earth Science (CEAS) <i>or</i> Physics (CEAS)
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Teacher of English (CEAS)
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language (CEAS)
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal (CE)

\*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.

Note that while WGU programs will meet the educational prerequisites for these licenses, New Jersey teacher candidates must fulfill the state’s required physiology and hygiene requirement by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health, or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 4-year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please see [this list](#) in order to contact a county office of education.

In order to be eligible for Middle Grades licensure in New Jersey, candidates must hold an Elementary K-6 license or New Jersey may require candidates to apply for an Elementary K-6 license in addition to the subject matter specialization. The Elementary K-6 license requires 60 hours of coursework in liberal arts and may require a passing score on the Praxis 5001 exam. WGU's Bachelor degree programs cover this coursework; Masters candidates need to have completed this requirement in previous coursework or hold an Elementary K-6 license.

**\*\*WGU has not made a determination as to whether this program will meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in New Jersey as it has recently been introduced in the state. New Jersey requires special education candidates to apply for licensure in another content area at the same time.**

**The following programs are not available in New Jersey:**

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – New Jersey requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in New Jersey may not enroll in this program, as they will not receive a teaching certificate.

**The following advanced programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in New Jersey:**

- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)\**
- *MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)\**
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)\**
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)\**

Certified New Jersey educators can apply for certification in additional endorsement areas by completing a regionally accredited teacher preparation program that provides at least 30 credits in the new teaching area, with 12 of those credits being upper-division coursework. WGU's MA Mathematics and Science programs do not include this much content. Therefore, candidates will need to either have previous coursework from another university verifiable on a transcript or complete the additional coursework outside of WGU. Click [here](#) to access an outline of requirements for certification in all endorsement areas available in New Jersey.

Graduates of a WGU advanced program can apply for certification in the new endorsement area by following the application process outlined in the [licensure handbook](#). The requirements to add an endorsement in New Jersey are the same, whether you are adding an endorsement at a new grade level (Elementary to Secondary) or the same grade level (Secondary to Secondary).

**Consumer Complaint Information**

Students can refer to the [New Jersey SARA page](#) or [New Jersey OSHE page](#) for information regarding the complaint process for those attending WGU in New Jersey.

**Military Information**

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to [New Jersey Statute 18A:26-2.14](#) and veterans should refer to [New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:9B-5.10](#) for specialized licensing information.