

# NORTH CAROLINA

## Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in North Carolina as “Western Governors University North Carolina” or “WGU North Carolina.” WGU North Carolina was established on October 5, 2017. WGU is approved by the University of North Carolina System and offers its programs under [that authority](#).

## Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in North Carolina will use either the approved licensure pathway or the direct licensure pathway, 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 North Carolina can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

## Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary, K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary K-6 and Special Education General Curriculum K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education: General Curriculum K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics Middle Grades
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Science Middle Grades
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics, 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, 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 Science, 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 9-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, 9-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 9-12 <i>or</i> Earth Science, 9-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 9-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, 9-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal

\*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.

Candidates who are enrolled in certain education preparation programs may also be eligible to apply for a North Carolina Residency License (RL). More information is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

## Consumer Complaint Information

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

## Military Information

Military spouses should refer to the North Carolina State Board of Education [Policy Manual](#) (1.20e) for information on special provisions.