

PENNSYLVANIA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Grades PK-4
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Grades PK-4 and Special Education PK-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)^ MAT Special Education^	Special Education PK-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Instructional I Grades 4-8 (All Subjects 4-6, Mathematics 7-8)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Instructional I Grades 4-8 (All Subjects 4-6, Science 7-8)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science, 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, PK-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal, PK-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.

Information on adding an instructional area to a teaching certificate (including via testing) is available in the [licensure handbook](#). The completion of an advanced program will not necessarily meet the requirement to convert to a Level II license, and may result in adding an instructional area on an existing Level I license.

^ WGU has not made a determination as to whether these programs will meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Pennsylvania as they have recently been introduced in the state. Candidates may not apply for licensure until 1/1/22.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Pennsylvania offers preferential application handling and a reduced application fee for military personnel, veterans, or spouses of military members. More information is available on the [Pennsylvania DOE website](#) and in [Pennsylvania Act 143, Section 1205](#).