

# TEXAS

## Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Texas as “Western Governors University Texas” or “WGU Texas.” WGU Texas was established by [Executive Order RP75](#) of Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, on August 3, 2011. WGU is authorized to conduct courses and grant degrees by the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#).

## Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Texas will use either the out-of-state 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 Texas can also be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

## Educational Prerequisites

WGU’s education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Utah for the licenses listed below. Once a candidate has obtained their Utah license, the candidate applies under the Texas Out-of-State licensure system. Details related to the Texas Out-of-State process are found at [this link](#).

Once the candidate has obtained their Utah license and has applied through the out-of-state pathway, an out of state one-year certificate for Texas may be available. Candidates may apply for the one-year certificate at the same time they submit their credentials for review by the State of Texas. While the one-year certificate is valid, a candidate for licensure must complete one or both of the following in order to obtain a standard teaching credential:

- Submit all required documents necessary to determine [possible exemption of out-of-state tests](#) to establish the standard certificate, based on completed review of credentials.
- Complete all appropriate tests to establish the standard certificate if not exempted from required tests.

WGU meets the educational prerequisites for licensure using the out-of-state pathway. The Texas State Board for Educator Certification makes the final determination as to licensure upon the submission of a Utah licensed applicant.

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading EC-6 and/or Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading 4-8
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading EC-6 and/or Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading 4-8 and Special Education EC-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education EC-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)	Mathematics, Grades 4-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)	Life Science, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)	Chemistry, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)	Physical Science, Grades 6-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Life Science, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Physical Science, Grades 6-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English Language Arts and Reading 7-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal as Instructional Leader

\*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 meets the educational prerequisites for licensure for the following advanced programs, which utilize the direct licensure pathway, that lead to an endorsement to a Texas teacher license:

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

- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)\**
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)\**

Information on how to add an endorsement to a Texas teaching license is available in the [licensure handbook](#). Specific details regarding adding an endorsement using the testing process for a candidate who holds a Texas license can be found at [this link](#).

A graduate of the MS Educational Leadership program who wants to be certified as a Principal in Texas must first apply for and receive a Utah School Administrator endorsement to their Utah license. WGU's Educational Leadership program meets the educational prerequisites for the school administrator license in Utah. The Texas Education Agency will determine whether to grant an equivalent license.

**The following programs are not available in Texas:**

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Since Utah does not issue a middle grades science license, students should not enroll in this program.
- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Texas does not have an Earth Science license.

**Consumer Complaint Information**

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

**Military Information**

Texas will waive certain fees for eligible military service members, military veterans, and military spouses. More information is available at [this link](#).