

NEW YORK

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in New York 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 York 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 New York 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 initial licensure in New York for the following licenses (see note below regarding workshops):

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Childhood Education, 1-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Childhood Education, 1-6 and Students with Disabilities, All Grades
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Students with Disabilities, All Grades
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)	Mathematics, 5-9
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)	Biology, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)	Chemistry, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)	Earth Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)	Physics, 7-12
MS Educational Leadership*	School Building 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.

New York requires completion of the following specific workshops for licensure, in addition to the WGU program requirements. Each of the trainings are only available from a provider approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

- [Child Abuse Identification Workshop](#)
- [School Violence Prevention and Intervention Workshop](#)
- [Dignity for All Students Act Training](#)
- [Autism Training](#) (for Special Education only)

The following programs are not available in New York:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – New York does not have a general science option for middle grades licenses.
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* – New York does not have a general science option for middle grades licenses.

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

These advanced programs will give students the opportunity to develop skills in curriculum development, design, and evaluation in the content area. However, the programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for licensure in New York. The NYSED will require additional coursework to be eligible for the designated endorsement, and the additional coursework will need to be completed outside of WGU.

- *MA Mathematics 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)**

WGU's Master of Arts in Mathematics Education and Master of Arts in Science Education programs do not meet all of the prerequisites for endorsement in these areas and those seeking licensure will be required to complete additional coursework outside of WGU to obtain these endorsements.

The English Language Learning (ELL) program prepares already licensed teachers to develop significant skills in ELL curriculum development, design, and evaluation. However, this program does not meet all requirements for an English to Speakers of Other Languages endorsement in New York. The NYSED will require additional coursework to be eligible for the endorsement, and the additional coursework will need to be completed outside of WGU.

The following initial programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for licensure in New York:

New York requires that applicants have an undergraduate degree or the equivalent of a major in their specific content area. The programs listed below do not contain the required coursework in the respective content areas, however, some students will have completed the required coursework at a previous institution. If an applicant does not have the equivalent of a major in the content area, the NYSED may require additional coursework to be eligible for the designated certification, which will need to be completed outside of WGU.

- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)*
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary)*
- *MAT English Education (Secondary)*

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military spouses are entitled to expedited review of their application for teacher licensure. More information about this process is available at [this link](#).