

ARKANSAS

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Arkansas 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 Arkansas do so through the reciprocity licensure pathway. Licensing through reciprocity means that candidates must first acquire a Utah teaching license before applying for licensure in their state. Not all states require reciprocity for all programs. Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of Arkansas as well as information on applying using the reciprocity licensure pathway can 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 Arkansas reciprocity licensure system. Details related to the Arkansas reciprocity process are found at [this link](#).

Once a candidate has obtained their Utah license and has applied through reciprocity, a one-year provisional license in Arkansas may be available. **WGU has not made any determination as to whether its programs will meet the Arkansas reciprocity requirements as Arkansas makes that determination upon application of a Utah licensed applicant.** The Arkansas license, if available, is provisional because Arkansas requires that all teachers being licensed in elementary or any middle school area must complete a three-hour course in Arkansas History before receiving a standard Arkansas teaching license. This coursework is not offered by WGU and must be taken at a local Arkansas college/university. A one-year, non-renewable provisional teaching license is available for those that have not completed the three-hour Arkansas History course. During that year's time, this course must be taken. For details regarding teacher licensure using the reciprocity pathway in Arkansas, please see [this link](#).

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary K-6 [^]
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary K-6 & Special Education, K-12 [^]
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology/Life Science (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 Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology/Life Science (7-12) <i>or</i> Chemistry, 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth Science, 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English Language Arts, 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Building Level Administrator, P-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.

[^]Because a candidate is applying in Arkansas with a Utah K-8 Elementary Education license, the Arkansas Department of Education may also issue 4-8 licensure in the areas of English, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

When candidates apply for a reciprocal certificate in Arkansas, they will report their Utah test scores, and the state of Arkansas will either accept these in lieu of the Arkansas requirements or issue a one-year provisional teaching license. Candidates will then have one year to take any additional tests deemed necessary. For details regarding the Arkansas reciprocal licensing provisions, please consult [this link](#).

Advanced programs may lead to an endorsement to a license. Information on how to add an endorsement to an Arkansas teaching license is available in the [licensure handbook](#). WGU has not made a determination as to whether the advanced programs will lead to an endorsement to an Arkansas teacher license.

A graduate of the MS Educational Leadership program who wants to be certified as a Building Level Administrator in Arkansas must first apply for and receive a Utah School Administrator endorsement to their Utah license. WGU has not made a determination as to whether its program will lead to a reciprocal license in Arkansas as that determination is made by Arkansas Department of Education once the candidate has obtained the Utah license.

The following programs are not available in Arkansas (due to Arkansas license restrictions, WGU does not currently allow enrollment into Middle Grades programs in Arkansas):

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – Arkansas requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in Arkansas may not enroll in this program, as they will not receive a teaching certificate.
- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military members, veterans, and military spouses can reference Arkansas Code Annotated [Title 17-1-106](#) for information on automatic licensure.