

CALIFORNIA

Institutional Authorization

The California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state private nonprofit institutions. Therefore, Bureau approval for WGU to offer distance education programs to students located in California is not required.

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in California will use one of three licensure pathways (reciprocity, approved, or direct) depending on their program. 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. An approved licensure pathway is available when a WGU education program is approved in a state. A candidate may apply for a license in that state based on state program approval. Not all programs are approved in all states. Direct licensure is available when a state allows candidates to be licensed upon completion of a program that is approved in the state of Utah. Candidates apply for licensure upon WGU confirming completion of an out-of-state program. They are not required to obtain a Utah license. Information on which pathway a certain program utilizes and complete details on licensure requirements in the state of California can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU's education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites for professional licensure in California for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Preliminary Multiple Subject
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Preliminary Multiple Subject and Level I Education Specialist Instruction: Mild/Moderate Disabilities K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Level I Education Specialist Instruction: Mild/Moderate Disabilities K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Preliminary Single Subject Foundational-Level Mathematics
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Preliminary Single Subject Foundational-Level General Science
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Preliminary Single Subject Mathematics
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Chemistry
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Geosciences
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Physics
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Preliminary Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Chemistry <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Geosciences <i>or</i> Preliminary Single Subject Science: Physics
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Preliminary Single Subject English
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	CLAD (Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development)
MS Educational Leadership*	Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC)

*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. Applicants will receive a credential based on the initial license already held (preliminary, clear, etc.).

California requires the completion of a course (at least two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, or passing an exam on the provisions and principles of the US Constitution given by a regionally accredited college or university. Information on this requirement (applicable to some programs) is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

California offers an [expedited licensing process](#) for military spouses.