

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in the District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia do so through the direct licensure pathway. 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. Complete details on licensure requirements in the District of Columbia as well as information on applying using the direct 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 the District of Columbia for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education and Special Education (Non-Categorical)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education (Non-Categorical)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Math (4-8)
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Science (4-8)
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 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> 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
MS Educational Leadership*	Administrative Services Credential

*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.

The following programs are not available in the District of Columbia:

- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – The District of Columbia does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) if seeking the Earth Science license* – The District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia.

Military Information

The District of Columbia has no special licensure provisions for military members, veterans, or the spouses of military members.