

# MICHIGAN

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Michigan 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 Michigan 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 state of Michigan 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 Michigan for the following initial licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary K-5 All Subject (K-8 Self-Contained Classrooms)
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary K-5 All Subject (K-8 Self-Contained Classrooms) and Learning Disabilities K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Learning Disabilities K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics, Grades 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)	Biology, Grades 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)	Chemistry, Grades 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)	Earth/Space Science, Grades 6-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics)	Physics, Grades 6-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i> Earth/Space Science, Grades 6-12 <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 6-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English 6-12

Note that Michigan requires a valid certificate of course completion for First Aid training, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for both children and adults. This training may be from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or from a comparable organization approved by the Michigan Department of Education. Complete information on this requirement and approved training providers is available in the [MDE's Approved First Aid and CPR Providers document](#).

**WGU has not made a determination as to whether the following programs will meet the educational prerequisites for endorsements to an existing Michigan license (or a separate license in the case of MS Educational Leadership):**

- *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)*
- *MS Educational Leadership*

Certified Michigan educators can apply for additional teaching endorsements by completing a teacher preparation endorsement program, with at least 20 semester credits, and passing the applicable Michigan Test for Teacher Certification subject matter examination. More information is available at [this link](#). Endorsement programs completed through a teacher preparation college or university outside Michigan, like WGU, must be evaluated by the Michigan Office of Educator Excellence (Michigan recommends waiting to register for and take the corresponding MTTC exam until the evaluation has been done).

The requirements to add an endorsement in Michigan are the same, whether you are adding an endorsement at a new grade level (Elementary to Secondary) or the same grade level (Secondary to Secondary). More information regarding endorsements in Michigan is available at [this link](#).

The following programs are not available, as Michigan does not offer subject-specific middle grades licenses that align with WGU middle grades programs:

- *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 Michigan.

### **Military Information**

Licensure application and evaluation fees for military members who are activated or deployed and spouses of military personnel can be reimbursed. There is also a temporary licensing option for military spouses. In addition, the Department of Education has a dedicated staff member who guides spouse applicants through the licensure process. More information is available at [this link](#).