

MISSISSIPPI

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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 Mississippi for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education K-6 and Special Education Mild/Moderate Disability K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education Mild/Moderate Disability K-12
MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Mathematics 7-8 (Supplemental Endorsement)
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Science 7-8 (Supplemental Endorsement)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, Grades 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, Grades 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, Grades K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Administrator

*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.

Mississippi Educators may add Supplemental Endorsements to their license by either passing the appropriate Praxis content exam, completing a state-approved program, or completing 21 credits in the new area. Different requirements apply to different endorsement areas. Refer to the [licensure handbook](#) for more information.

The following programs are not available in Mississippi:

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – This program is not available for initial licensure as Mississippi offers certification in Middle Grades Mathematics as a supplemental endorsement only.
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – This program is not available for initial licensure as Mississippi offers certification in Middle Grades Mathematics as a supplemental endorsement only.
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – This program is not available for initial licensure as Mississippi offers certification in Middle Grades Science as a supplemental endorsement only.
- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Mississippi does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Mississippi 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 Mississippi.

Military Information

Military personnel and their spouses should refer to Mississippi Code [Annotated Section 73-50-1](#) for information on licensing opportunities.