

NEVADA

Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Nevada as “Western Governors University Nevada” or “WGU Nevada.” WGU Nevada was established by an [Executive Proclamation](#) of Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, on June 16, 2015.

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in Nevada 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 Nevada can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education Grades K–8
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades K–8 and Exceptional Pupils Generalist Resource Room K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Exceptional Pupils Generalist Resource Room K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School/Junior High Mathematics Grades 7-9
MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School/Junior High Science Grades 7-9
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)*	Secondary Biological Science (Single Subject) Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Chemistry (Single Subject) Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Secondary Earth Science (Single Subject) Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Physics (Single Subject) Grades 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Biological Science (Single Subject) Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Chemistry (Single Subject) Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Earth Science (Single Subject) Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Physics (Single Subject) Grades 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English Grades 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English Language Acquisition and Development (ELAD)
MS Educational Leadership*	Administrator of a School

*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 WGU programs also meet the educational prerequisites for a **conditional** teaching license using the [Alternative Route to Licensure](#) (ARL) in Nevada:

- *MAT Elementary Education*
- *MAT English Education (Secondary)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)*
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) – Biological Science Content Area Only*

Upon meeting eligibility requirements, teacher candidates enrolled in these programs may apply to the Nevada Department of Education for a three-year conditional ARL teaching license. During that time, candidates may accept an offer of employment from a P-12 school district as a teacher and work while completing their program requirements, including demonstration teaching.

The following program is not available in Nevada:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Since Utah does not issue a middle grades science license, students should not enroll in this program.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

There is a military discount for all Active Duty, Retired, Veterans, and their spouses for New Applications (or reapplying of expired licenses) and Renewals of licenses. More information is available at [this link](#).