

NORTH CAROLINA

Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in North Carolina as “Western Governors University North Carolina” or “WGU North Carolina.” WGU North Carolina was established on October 5, 2017. WGU is approved by the University of North Carolina System and offers its programs under [that authority](#).

Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in North Carolina will use either the approved licensure pathway or the direct licensure pathway, depending on their program. Information on which pathway a certain program utilizes is available [here](#). 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. Complete details on licensure requirements in the state of North Carolina can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education, Grades K-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades K-6 and Special Education: General Curriculum K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education: General Curriculum K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Grades Mathematics, Grades 6-9
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle Grades Science, Grades 6-9
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Secondary Biology, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Chemistry, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Secondary Earth Science, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Physics, Grades 9-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Biology, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Chemistry, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Earth Science, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Secondary Physics, Grades 9-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Secondary English, Grades 9-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	School 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.

Candidates who are enrolled in certain education preparation programs may also be eligible to apply for a North Carolina Residency License (RL). More information is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Military spouses should refer to the North Carolina State Board of Education [Policy Manual](#) (1.20e) for information on special provisions.