

NORTH DAKOTA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in North Dakota 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 North Dakota do so primarily through the reciprocity pathway. 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. Those enrolled in an advanced program will use 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 North Dakota can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU's education preparation programs satisfy the applicable educational prerequisites** for professional licensure in North Dakota for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education Grades 1-8
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education Grades 1-8 and Special Education K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics Grades 5-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, Grades 5-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, Grades 5-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Science, Grades 5-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, Grades 5-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, Grades 5-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 5-12 <i>or</i> Earth Science, Grades 5-12 <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 5-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, Grades 5-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English Language Learner (ELL)
MS Educational Leadership*	Elementary Principal, Secondary Principal

*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.

**WGU's MA Science Education and MA Mathematics Education programs do not meet all of the North Dakota educational prerequisites for endorsements in science and mathematics at the secondary level (Grades 5-12). Candidates who already hold a North Dakota secondary level license are able to add science or mathematics credentials to an existing secondary level North Dakota license. Contact licensure@wgu.edu for details.

Details on adding an endorsement to a North Dakota teaching license, including via testing alone, are available in the [licensure handbook](#).

Students interested in enrolling in the following programs seeking licensure in North Dakota should contact licensure@wgu.edu:

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*

The following programs are not available in North Dakota:

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)*
- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – North Dakota requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in North Dakota may not enroll in this program, as they will not receive a teaching certificate.

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

North Dakota waives the [application and license fees](#) for military spouses applying for licenses in North Dakota. Military members and military spouses should also reference [North Dakota Code Chapter 43-51](#) for licensure information.