

# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

## Institutional Authorization

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands does not regulate distance education. Therefore, approval for WGU to offer distance education programs to students located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is not required.

## Licensure Pathway

Candidates applying for a teaching license in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands do so through the reciprocity licensure 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. Complete details on licensure requirements in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as well as information on applying using the reciprocity 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 Utah for the licenses listed below, which may lead to the award of the basic teaching license through reciprocity in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Once a candidate has obtained their Utah license, the candidate applies under the Northern Mariana Islands reciprocity licensure system.

Candidates who apply for licensure in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands using the reciprocity pathway will receive a basic teaching certificate. To move from the basic teaching certificate to the intermediate teaching certificate, candidates are required to take a course in history of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as well as a cultural seminar.

While WGU's programs listed below satisfy the educational prerequisites, due to Covid 19, the licensure office in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has posted a notice that it will not be processing any licenses while the [office is closed due to the pandemic](#). The notice indicates that the duration of that closure may be through April 2021.

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 Special Education Grades K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Special Education Grades K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Middle School Mathematics Grades 6-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Education Mathematics
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Secondary Education Biology
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Education Chemistry
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Secondary Education Earth and Space Sciences
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Education Physics
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Education Biology <i>or</i> Secondary Education Chemistry <i>or</i> Secondary Education Earth and Space Sciences <i>or</i> Secondary Education Physics
MS Educational Leadership*^	School Administration

\*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 has not made a determination as to whether its MS Educational Leadership program meets the educational prerequisites for the School Administration license in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Candidates for this license should review the requirements on the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [website](#). Candidates for this license are also required to provide proof of current membership in the professional education association as well as a specialized endorsement. Additionally, candidates for the School Administration license are required to complete 120 hours of seminars, workshops, or in-service training as sanctioned by the Public School System (PSS) and/or equivalent university/college courses.

**The following programs are not available in the Northern Mariana Islands:**

- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Since Utah does not issue a middle grades science license, students should not enroll in this program.
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Contact [licensure@wgu.edu](mailto:licensure@wgu.edu) for more information.
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – The Northern Mariana Islands does not have an endorsement available in English as a Second language.
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – The Northern Mariana Islands does not have an endorsement available in English as a Second language.
- *MAT English Education (Secondary)* – The Northern Mariana Islands does not have a Secondary English license.

**Consumer Complaint Information**

Students can refer to [this information](#) regarding the complaint process for those attending WGU in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Military Information**

There are no special provisions regarding licensure for military members, veterans, or military spouses specifically tied to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.