

OHIO

Institutional Authorization

WGU is known in Ohio as “Western Governors University Ohio” or “WGU Ohio.” WGU Ohio was established on June 21, 2018. WGU is approved by the Ohio Department of Education and offers its programs under [that authority](#).

Licensure Pathway

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

Educational Prerequisites

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

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Primary PK-5
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Primary PK-5 and Intervention Specialist: Mild-Moderate Needs (K-12)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)	Intervention Specialist: Mild-Moderate Needs (K-12)
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Integrated Mathematics, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Life Science, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Physical Sciences: Chemistry Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth Sciences, Grades 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physical Sciences: Physics, Grades 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Life Science, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Physical Sciences: Chemistry Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth Sciences, Grades 7-12 <i>or</i> Physical Sciences: Physics, Grades 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Integrated Language Arts, Grades 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), PK-12
MS Educational Leadership*	School Principal, Grades PK-6, 4-9, or 5-12^

*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.

^ Principal Certification will be added at the same grade level of the existing Ohio teaching license.

WGU graduates of the BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure) program or the BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) program are eligible for a Four-Year Resident Educator license. However, in order to advance to the Five-Year Professional license in Ohio, applicants are required to have 9 semester hours in the teaching of reading and 3 semester hours in phonics. The Ohio Department of Education typically determines that WGU graduates have earned the equivalent of six semester hours in the teaching of reading. Graduates may need to complete additional semester hours in the teaching of reading prior to advancing their license. For more information on this requirement, please see [this link](#).

Educators holding current Ohio teaching licenses can add endorsements to their licenses in additional teaching areas by completing a state-approved teacher preparation program in the new teaching area and passing the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) required by the Ohio Department of Education for that content area. The requirements to add an endorsement in Ohio are the same, whether you are adding an endorsement at a new grade level (Elementary to Secondary) or the same grade level (Secondary to Secondary).

The following programs are not available, as Ohio requires applicants for a Middle Childhood license to be eligible to license in two content areas in order for the license to be issued:

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

Consumer Complaint Information

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

Military Information

Ohio waives license fees for military members, veterans, and military spouses. More information regarding this and other military licensure options is available at [this link](#).