

PENNSYLVANIA

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania do so through 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 Pennsylvania as well as information on applying using the direct 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 Pennsylvania for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Grades PreK-4
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Grades PreK-4 and Special Education PreK-8
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)*	Grades 4-8 - Mathematics
BS Science Education (Middle Grades) MA Science Education (Middle Grades)*	Grades 4-8 - Science
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Mathematics, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science, 7-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, 7-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, 7-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, 7-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science, 7-12 <i>or</i> Physics, 7-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, 7-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, PreK-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal, PreK-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.

Information on adding an instructional area to a teaching certificate (including via testing) is available in the [licensure handbook](#). The completion of an advanced program will not necessarily meet the requirement to convert to a Level II license, and may result in adding an instructional area on an existing Level I license.

The following program is not available in Pennsylvania:

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – Pennsylvania requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania.

Military Information

Pennsylvania offers preferential application handling and a reduced application fee for military personnel, veterans, or spouses of military members. More information is available on the [Pennsylvania DOE website](#) and in [Pennsylvania Act 143, Section 1205](#).