

PUERTO RICO

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Puerto Rico 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 the Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico 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 educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Puerto Rico for the licenses listed below with the exception of a course required in Puerto Rico history. Detailed requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico can be found at [this link](#) (note that this page is in Spanish). The Puerto Rico history course is not required to obtain the Utah license which is used in the reciprocity process.

| WGU Program | License |
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| BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education | Educación: Nivel Primario K-3° and Educación: Nivel Elemental 4°-6° |
| BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure) | Educación: Nivel Primario K-3°, Educación: Nivel Elemental 4°-6°, and Educación Especial K-12° |
| BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education | Educación Especial K-12° |
| BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)* | Educación Secundaria: Matemáticas |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)* | Educación Secundaria: Biología |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)* | Educación Secundaria: Química |
| BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)* | Educación Secundaria: Física |
| MAT Science Education (Secondary) | Educación Secundaria: Biología <i>or</i> Educación Secundaria: Química <i>or</i> Educación Secundaria: Física |
| MS Educational Leadership* | Director de Escuela |

*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.

To obtain a license as Director de Escuela in Puerto Rico, WGU students complete the Educational Leadership program for the state of Utah and apply for that license in Utah. They then apply for the Puerto Rico license using the reciprocity pathway. WGU's Educational Leadership Program meets the educational prerequisites in Utah for a license as a Principal. Details on processing the Utah Principal license for licensure in Puerto Rico can be found at [this link](#) (in Spanish).

The following programs are not available in Puerto Rico:

- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – Puerto Rico does not have a middle grades license.
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – Puerto Rico does not have a middle grades license.
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – Puerto Rico does not have a middle grades license.
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Puerto Rico does not have a middle grades license.
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* – Puerto Rico does not have a middle grades license.
- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Puerto Rico does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – Puerto Rico does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) if seeking the Earth Science license* – Puerto Rico does not have an Earth Science license.
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – Puerto Rico does not have an ELL license.
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – Puerto Rico does not have an ELL license.
- *MAT English Education (Secondary)* – Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico.

Military Information

There is no available information on special licensing considerations for military, veterans, or military spouses in Puerto Rico.