

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in South Carolina 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 South Carolina 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 South Carolina 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 South Carolina for the following licenses:

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Education, Grades 2-6
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Education, Grades 2-6 and Multi-Categorical Special Education PK-12 (Mild/Moderate)
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Multi-Categorical Special Education PK-12 (Mild/Moderate)
BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades) MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)	Middle Level Mathematics, Grades 5-8
BS Science Education (Middle Grades)	Middle Level Science, Grades 5-8
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary)	Mathematics, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Biology, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Chemistry, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Earth and Space Science, Grades 9-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Physics, Grades 9-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Biology, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Chemistry, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Earth and Space Science, Grades 9-12 <i>or</i> Physics, Grades 9-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	English, Grades 9-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English for Speakers of Other Languages PK-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Elementary School Principal or Secondary School 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.

Requirements for adding endorsements to existing South Carolina teaching certificates can be found at [this link](#).

**The following advanced programs do not meet all of the educational prerequisites for licensure in South Carolina.**

- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)\**
- *MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)\**
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)\**

South Carolina requires three courses for middle grades certification, which WGU's advanced programs do not include. Candidates will need to complete these courses at a South Carolina institution in order to be eligible for middle grades certification. To add a secondary mathematics endorsement, South Carolina requires 26 hours of mathematics content coursework. WGU's program does not include all 26 hours. Candidates must have already completed some coursework at previous institutions or plan to complete

additional coursework outside of WGU. Please see the licensure handbook articles for [MA Mathematics Education](#) and [MA Science Education](#) for the list of courses and additional information.

### **Consumer Complaint Information**

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

### **Military Information**

South Carolina offers specialized licensure opportunities for [military spouses](#). Military personnel can also consult [Title 40 \(Article 3\)](#) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for information on licensure provisions.