

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in the U.S. Virgin Islands 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 U.S. Virgin Islands 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 U.S. Virgin Islands 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 the U.S. Virgin Islands for the licenses listed below. However, teachers in the U.S. Virgin Islands are required to complete a course on the history of the U.S. Virgin Islands during their first year of teaching. This course is not available through WGU.

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary Educator, Grades K-6**
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary Educator, Grades K-6** and Special Educator Mild/Moderate, Grades K-12**
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Secondary Mathematics, Grades 7-12**
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Secondary Science Biology, Grades 7-12**
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Secondary Science Chemistry, Grades 7-12**
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Secondary Science Physics, Grades 7-12**
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Secondary Science Biology, Grades 7-12** <i>or</i> Secondary Science Chemistry, Grades 7-12** <i>or</i> Secondary Science Physics, Grades 7-12**
MS Educational Leadership*^	Assistant 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.

**For more information on the certification grade ranges in the U.S. Virgin Islands please see the specific program articles in the [licensure handbook](#).

^WGU's Educational Leadership program does not meet all of the educational prerequisites for the Assistant Principal license in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The U.S. Virgin Islands requires completion of a minimum of six semester hours in special education to obtain the Assistant Principal license. Three hours are included in WGU's Educational Leadership program, with the remaining three hours to be completed at another institution (candidates may have already completed the six hours in their previous degree). Additionally, educators must complete a course in U.S. Virgin Islands history during their first year of employment under an initial U.S. Virgin Islands teaching certificate.

To add a new endorsement area to a current U.S. Virgin Islands teaching license, educators must meet all certification requirements for the new area with the exception of student teaching. Educators must have 26 semester credits in the new area and the completion of teacher pedagogy/methodology courses. More information can be found in the [licensure handbook](#) and at the [US Virgin Islands Department of Education](#) website.

The following programs are not available in the U.S. Virgin Islands:

- *BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate)* – U.S. Virgin Islands requires dual endorsement for Special Education certification. Therefore, students in the U.S. Virgin Islands may not enroll in this program, as they will not receive a teaching certificate.
- *BS Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not offer certification at the middle grades level.
- *MAT Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not offer certification at the middle grades level.
- *MA Mathematics Education (Middle Grades)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not offer certification at the middle grades level.
- *BS Science Education (Middle Grades)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not offer certification at the middle grades level.
- *MA Science Education (Middle Grades)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not offer certification at the middle grades level.
- *BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not have an Earth Science license.
- *MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not have an Earth Science license.

- *MAT Science Education (Secondary) if seeking the Earth Science license* – U.S. Virgin Islands does not have an Earth Science license.
- *Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – U.S. Virgin Islands requires students seeking certification in ESL to complete at least six semester hours of student teaching in ESL. WGU does not offer courses or placement for student teaching in ESL.
- *MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)* – U.S. Virgin Islands requires students seeking certification in ESL to complete at least six semester hours of student teaching in ESL. WGU does not offer courses or placement for student teaching in ESL.
- *MAT English Education (Secondary)* – U.S. Virgin 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 U.S. Virgin Islands.

Military Information

There are no special provisions regarding licensure for military members, veterans, or military spouses specifically tied to the U.S. Virgin Islands.