

WISCONSIN

Institutional Authorization

Western Governors University is authorized to provide its educational programs in Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin as well as information on applying using the direct licensure pathway can be found in the [licensure handbook](#).

Educational Prerequisites

WGU's programs meet most of the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in Wisconsin for the licenses listed below. Wisconsin requires that candidates for licensure complete 18 weeks of student teaching. The Utah program which serves as the direct licensure vehicle for certification requires only 12 weeks of student teaching for completion of the degree program. Upon review of a candidate's Wisconsin licensure application, Wisconsin DPI may issue a three-year educator license noting "Student Teaching – Not Enough Weeks" as a stipulation. This stipulation is not a deficiency and can be removed upon completion of 18 weeks of successful full-time teaching experience by having the employing school district complete the [verification of employment form](#).

Wisconsin requires candidates to complete coursework in the study of Wisconsin Indian tribes and environmental education, which is not covered by WGU's programs. Candidates for licensure who have not satisfied these requirements prior to applying for teacher certification in Wisconsin may be issued a three-year educator license with stipulations, provided they have passed all Praxis exams required for Wisconsin certification. Candidates for licensure in Wisconsin are required to satisfy these requirements as part of the three-year professional development period. For information on local providers of this coursework, please see the [Statutory License Stipulations](#) section on the Wisconsin DPI website.

WGU Program	License
BA Elementary Education MAT Elementary Education	Elementary and Middle School, Grades K-9
BA Special Education and Elementary Education (Dual Licensure)	Elementary and Middle School Grades K-9 and Cross-Categorical Special Education Grades K-12
BA Special Education (Mild to Moderate) MAT Special Education	Cross-Categorical Special Education, Grades K-12
BS Mathematics Education (Secondary) MAT Mathematics Education (Secondary) MA Mathematics Education (Secondary)*	Middle and High School Mathematics, Grades 4-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Biological Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Biological Science)*	Middle and High School Science (Biology) Grades 4- 12
BS Science Education (Secondary Chemistry) MA Science Education (Secondary Chemistry)*	Middle and High School Science (Chemistry) Grades 4-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Earth Science) MA Science Education (Secondary Earth Science)*	Middle and High School Science (Earth & Space Science) Grades 4-12
BS Science Education (Secondary Physics) MA Science Education (Secondary Physics)*	Middle and High School Science (Physics) Grades 4-12
MAT Science Education (Secondary)	Middle and High School Science (Biology) Grades 4- 12 <i>or</i> Middle and High School Science (Chemistry) Grades 4-12 <i>or</i> Middle and High School Science (Physics) Grades 4-12 <i>or</i> Middle and High School Science (Earth & Space Science) Grades 4-12
MAT English Education (Secondary)	Middle and High School English & Language Arts, Grades 4-12
Endorsement English Language Learning (PreK-12)* MA English Language Learning (PreK-12)*	English as a Second Language, Grades K-12
MS Educational Leadership*	Principal, Grades Pk-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.

Educators holding current Wisconsin teaching licenses can apply for additional licensure areas after completing a state-approved, regionally accredited teacher preparation program in the new teaching area. Educators currently licensed in math, science, social science, or English language arts have the option of adding math, science, or social science to their license by passing the Praxis content exam. Information is available in the [licensure handbook](#).

The following programs are not available, as Wisconsin does not offer middle grades licenses:

- *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 Wisconsin.

Military Information

Wisconsin supports the “Troops to Teachers” program. More information about this program may be found at [this link](#). Additional information on licensing opportunities for military members and spouses is available on the [DSPS website](#) and the [DPI website](#).