



**AMBITION
NEVER RESTS™**

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Western Governors University TEACHERS COLLEGE

Teachers change lives. A degree in education could change yours.

Teaching is much more than helping kids learn to read and do math. Teachers are role models who truly make a difference to their young students. It takes a special kind of person to be an outstanding teacher, and for many, it's a calling.

About the program.

Most of WGU's teaching programs are designed to lead to licensure or add an endorsement to an existing license. The most direct career pathway is working as a classroom teacher, but other positions include:

- School Administrator
- Curriculum Specialist/Designer
- Instructional Designer
- Technology Specialist
- Guidance Counselor
- Instructional Coach
- Positions within the Department of Education
- Educational Consultant
- College or University Academic Advisor
- School or community librarian
- Private Tutor
- Museum Educator
- After-school Program Coordinator
- Textbook or Educational Resource Development

Initial licensure programs.

Bachelor of Arts in Special Education—Mild to Moderate (BASPMM) and Elementary Education (BASPEE)

Teaches students how to deal with behavior management, collaboration skills with colleagues and families, and how to meet student needs. BASPEE offers dual licensure opportunities in elementary and special education.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (BAELED)

Equips teachers with the content knowledge and teaching skills needed to run an elementary school classroom.

Master of Arts in Teaching—Elementary Education (MATELED)

Prepares students at the graduate level to be licensed as K–8 educators with significant skills in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

STEM programs that lead to teacher licensure.

Pre-service and existing teachers pursuing initial licensure or endorsement or looking to add an M.A. emphasis to their licenses.

Core courses for initial licensure.

A series of eight courses that will give students the essential foundation and experience needed to prepare them to handle unique situations and become better teachers.

Educational Foundations

Allows for the relevancy and application of historical context and cultural influences and is not focused on the memorization of facts and theory.

Educational Psychology and Development of Children and Adolescents

Integrates the principles of educational psychology in relation to child/adolescent development and focuses on applying philosophies and theories rather than memorization.

The School as a Community of Care

Supports students with varying needs, focusing on understanding the social-emotional learning (SEL) components and weaving the theme of family engagement throughout the course. The curriculum moves beyond school-level resources and includes community-based resources for support at home and beyond.

Fundamentals of Diverse Learners

Utilizes the resources and themes learned in the community of care course—including a live simulated experience—and provides specific strategies to target the needs of diverse populations and individuals.

Why earn your degree at WGU?

Online and Flexible

With no set log-in times, your effort, not a semester timetable, determines the pace of your progress. You can earn a highly respected teaching degree on your terms, by completing most coursework on a schedule that works best for you.

Faculty Support

While you will do your coursework and even take exams online, you won't be alone. From the first day, you'll have regular, one-to-one support from a Program Mentor, and in each course, you'll work with a Course Instructor who is an expert in the subject matter.

About WGU.

WGU is a nonprofit university committed to providing accessible, affordable, high-quality education that meets the needs of working adults by offering online degree programs that are respected, recognized, and accredited. Our programs deliver superior results by preparing students to excel in the workplace with "prove what you know" competency-based learning and personalized faculty support.

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Call us at 866.225.5948 or visit our website at wgu.edu. Our enrollment team will be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Managing Engaging Learning Environment

Includes a live simulated classroom experience, moving past the behavioral management of students and focusing on setting norms and routines to establish a community of learners.

Introduction to Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Provides the foundation of knowledge for developing curriculum, delivering instruction, and assessing learning. The connection between the three components is emphasized to ensure relevant, engaging lessons.

Assessing Impact on Student Learning

Develops authentic assessments to ensure standards are being met and how to use that data to make instructional decisions.

Educational Technology for Teaching and Learning

Focuses on how to choose the correct technology, authentically implement it in the classroom, and use it to transform learning and assessment.

Demonstration Teaching (DT)

Covers competencies required for in-classroom proficiency and is a full-time, supervised, in-classroom experience that integrates academic knowledge and teaching skills.

Affordable Tuition

Tuition for this program is charged at a flat rate once per six-month term, regardless of the number of courses you complete. Federal financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified students. This affordable tuition allows many students to graduate with little or no new student debt.

Accredited and Respected

WGU is a recognized national leader in online teacher education providing a path for students to become licensed/certified teachers in each U.S. state and territory.

