

[College of Education](#)

The University of West Georgia provides professional licensure information for current and prospective students who are interested or enrolled in university programs that may lead to professional licensure. Each state/territory defines its own requirements for licensing and certification in professional fields.

The information below highlights the professional agency associated with the designated program and we have identified whether the program meets or does not meet licensure requirements for all 50 states. This is not a comprehensive list, but it is intended to provide a starting place for searching and verifying licensure requirements. Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond educational or curricular requirements. If you are considered a program that leads to professional licensure or certification in the College of Education and have additional questions, please contact Laura Smith at lauras@westga.edu

Teaching

Program	Professional Agency	Determination (Yes/No)	Disclosures/Comments
Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education – Elementary Education	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

		Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	
Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education – Physical Education	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education – Special Education (Adapted Curriculum)	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in</i>

		Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas	<i>the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education – Special Education (General Curriculum)	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

<p>Bachelor of Science (B.S.Ed.) in Education – Special Education (Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education P-5)</p>	<p>Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education</p>	<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - English (certification grades 6-12)</p>	<p>Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education</p>	<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i></p>

		New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Foreign Languages and Literatures – French Education (certification grades P-12)	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Foreign Languages and Literatures – Spanish Education (certification grades P-12)	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated</i>

	of Teacher Education	California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - History (certification grades 6-12)	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

<p>Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) - Art (certification grades P-12)</p>	<p>Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education</p>	<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i></p>
<p>Bachelor of Music (B.M.) - Music Education (certification grades P-12)</p>	<p>Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education</p>	<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i></p>

		New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Concentrations in Secondary Education Biology, Broad Field Science, Chemistry, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Concentrations in Special Education General Curriculum and Special Education Adapted	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024</i>

	of Teacher Education	Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Concentrations in Elementary Education	Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education	Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

<p>Non-Degree Certification – Elementary Education</p>	<p>Education Commission of the States and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education</p>	<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories except Alabama Arkansas California Delaware Idaho Michigan Minnesota Nebraska Nevada New Mexico New York Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Wisconsin</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i></p>
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Service

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<p>Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Instructional Technology, Media & Design (Instructional Technology)</p>		<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in Kentucky and Pennsylvania.</p> <p>In all other states, the program does not meet educational</p>	<p><i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated</i></p>

		requirements, or it cannot be determined.	<i>annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Instructional Technology, Media & Design (Media Specialist)		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in the following states: Kentucky, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. In all other states, the program does not meet educational requirements, or it cannot be determined.	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Instructional Technology, Media & Design (Media Specialist with Instructional Technology)		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. In all other states, the program does not meet educational requirements, or it cannot be determined.	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

<p>Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Professional Counseling (School Counseling)</p>		<p>Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in all states/territories</p> <p>except</p> <p>Arizona* Arkansas California Colorado* Florida Indiana* Iowa* Maine Massachusetts Michigan* Minnesota* Nevada New Hampshire* New Mexico* New York* Oklahoma Puerto Rico South Dakota Tennessee Washington</p>	<p>Those states or territories with an asterisk* are included in this list as the University was unable to locate the licensure requirements for those states. For additional information, reach out to the specific state licensure board for more information.</p>
<p>Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Speech Language Pathology</p>	<p>American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA)</p>	<p>If, after completion of the program, students obtain ASHA's Certificate of Clinical Competence, students can gain licensure in all states/territories</p> <p>except:</p> <p>Arizona Connecticut Idaho Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine</p>	<p>This program makes students eligible for national certification through ASHA (Certificate of Clinical Competence), as well as licensure in the state of Georgia.</p>

		Mississippi Missouri Nebraska New Jersey New York North Carolina North Dakota Oregon Pennsylvania South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah West Virginia Wisconsin	
Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) - Instructional Technology, Media & Design (Instructional Technology)		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in the Kentucky and Pennsylvania. In all other states, the program does not meet educational requirements, or it cannot be determined.	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Non-Degree Certification – Instructional Technology		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in Kentucky. In all other states, the program does not meet educational requirements, or it	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most</i>

		cannot be determined.	<i>accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>
Non-Degree Certification – Media Specialist		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in the following states: Kentucky, South Caroline, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin. In all other states, the program does not meet educational requirements, or it cannot be determined.	<i>Each state is responsible for its own certification/licensure requirements, which may change without notice to our university's certification officer. These determinations were made on 7/1/2024 and will be updated annually. For the most accurate information on certification/licensure in the state to which you may be relocating, please contact the office of certification in that state.</i>

Leadership

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Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) - Educational Leadership – Tier II		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in states except Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas.	
Non-Degree Certification – Educational Leadership – Tier I		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in states except Arkansas,	

		Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas.	
Non-Degree Certification – Educational Leadership – Tier II		Meets educational or curricular requirements leading to licensure in states except Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas.	

Other Non-GAPSC

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B.S. - Health and Community Wellness	<p>1. <u>American Council on Exercise (ACE)</u></p> <p>2. <u>National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC)</u></p>	<p>1. The BS-CMWL program is an educational partner with ACE. Students can meet the educational and curricular requirements in PHED 4603 to be eligible for the certification exam to hold a Personal Trainer (CPT) certification.</p> <p>2. Students can meet the educational and curricular requirements upon successful completion of the BS-CMWL program to be eligible for the certification exam to hold a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credential.</p>	<p>1. Nationally recognized</p> <p>2. Nationally recognized</p>

<p>M.Ed. - Professional Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling</p>	<p><u>Counseling Compact</u></p>	<p>Program meets the current curricular requirements for licensure as a Professional Counselor in the state of Georgia. Georgia is a member of the Counseling Compact and individuals who hold an unencumbered license as a Professional Counselor in Georgia may apply for "privilege to practice" in other Counseling Compact member states.</p>	<p>This determination was made on 7/1/2024 and will be reviewed annually. For additional questions, please contact Julia Whisenhunt at jwhisenh@westga.edu</p>
<p>M.S. - Integrative Health and Wellness</p>	<p><u>National Board for Health and Wellness Coaching (NBHWC)</u></p>	<p>The MS-IHW program is an approved training program for NBHWC. Students can meet the educational and curricular requirements to be eligible for the certification exam to hold a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach (NBC-HWC) credential.</p>	<p>Nationally recognized</p>