# Program Overview

**Elementary Education**

**Applicable Programs: PBELK8 and MATELK8**

The program follows an open entry/open exit model, with start dates available on the first day of each month. Because of our institution’s competency-based model, candidates may be able to accelerate their progress.

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| Term 1 (6 months) | • Foundations of Teaching Practice  
                     • Instructional Planning and Presentation in Elementary Education  
                     • Mathematics for Elementary Educators                        | 1. Pass the fingerprint based background check  
                                                                          2. Pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment |
| Term 2 (6 months) | • Elementary Reading and Literacy Methods  
                     • Language Arts Instruction and Intervention  
                     • Elementary Mathematics Methods  
                     • Elementary Science Methods                                      | 1. Pass the Praxis II 5019, Elementary Education: Instructional Practice and Applications assessment  
                                                                          2. Submit Preclinical Experiences Application  
                                                                          3. Complete Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Seminar |
| Term 3 (6 months) | • Application of Elementary Social Studies Methods  
                     • Application of Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Methods  
                     • Application of Elementary Physical Education and Health Methods  
                     • Preclinical Experiences in Elementary Education                | 4. Complete the Preclinical Professional Preparation (PPP) Seminar  
                                                                          5. Submit the Professional and Clinical Studies Gateway Application  
                                                                          6. Complete Preclinical Experiences (100 hours)                        |

*Complete after all Terms 1, 2, and 3 courses/components are passed:*
- Obtain the ARL Verification Form from the WGU certification officer.
- Apply for the Conditional License through the Nevada Office of Educator Licensure

| Term 4 (6 months) | • Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Elementary Education, Observations 1 and 2  
                     • Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Elementary Education, Observation 3 and Midterm  
                     • Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Elementary Education, Observations 4 and 5  
                     • Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Elementary Education, Observation 6 and Final  
                     • Teacher Work Sample in Elementary Education  
                     • Professional Portfolio                                     | 1. Demonstration Teaching: 12 weeks (480 Hours)*  
                                                                          2. Pass the Praxis II 5622: Principles of Learning and Teaching (Grades K-6) |

*DT is completed in the candidate’s own classroom under the parameters of their conditional teaching license. They are evaluated as all other DT candidates are but receive a salary per the contractual terms of their employing school district.*
• Cohort Seminar

Total Time to Completion: 24 months**

** Candidates seeking a master’s degree complete two additional courses (Research Foundations and Research Questions and Literature Review) for a total of 5 terms, or 30 months.