# Program Overview

**SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**APPLICABLE PROGRAMS: PBSS12 AND MATSS12**

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  
• Diversity, Inclusion, and Exceptional Learners  
• Instructional Planning and Presentation in Social Science | 1. Pass the fingerprint based background check  
2. Pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment  
3. Pass the Praxis II 5081, Social Studies: Content Knowledge assessment |
| **Term 2** (6 months) | • Preclinical Experiences in Social Science  
• Social Science Pedagogy | 1. Complete the Preclinical Professional Preparation (PPP) Seminar  
2. Submit Preclinical Experiences Application  
3. Complete Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Seminar  
4. Submit the Professional and Clinical Studies Gateway Application  
5. Preclinical Experiences: 100 Hours |

*Complete after all Term 1 and Term 2 courses/components are passed:*

- Obtain the ARL Verification Form from the WGU certification officer.  
- Apply for the Conditional License through the Office of Educator Licensure

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| **Term 3** (6 months) | • Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Social Science, Observations 1 and 2  
• Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Social Science, Observation 3 and Midterm  
• Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Social Science, Observations 4 and 5  
• Supervised Demonstration Teaching in Social Science, Observation 6 and Final  
• Teacher Work Sample  
• Professional Portfolio  
• Cohort Seminar | 1. Demonstration Teaching: 12 weeks (480 Hours)*  
2. Pass the Praxis II 5624: Principles of Learning and Teaching (Grades 7-12)  

*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.**

**Total Time to Completion: 18 months**

**Candidates seeking a master’s degree complete two additional courses (Research Foundations and Research Questions and Literature Review) for a total of 4 terms, or 24 months.**