

Practically speaking, how do competency-based programs like those offered at Western Governors

pre-assessments are there to help your program mentor form a profile of your prior knowledge and create a personalized Degree Plan.

At WGU, faculty serve in specialized roles, and they will work with you individually to provide the guidance, instruction, and support you will need to succeed and graduate. As a student, it is important for you to take advantage of this support. It is key to your progress and ultimate success.

Upon your enrollment, you will be assigned a program mentor—an expert in your field of study who will provide you with regular program-level guidance and support from the day you start until the day you graduate. Your program mentor will set up regular telephone appointments (weekly at first) with you, which you will be expected to keep. The mentor will review program competencies with you and work with you to develop a plan and schedule for your coursework. Your program mentor will serve as your main point of contact throughout your program—helping you set weekly study goals, recommending specific learning materials, telling you what to expect in courses, and keeping you motivated. In addition to regular calls, your program mentor is available to help you resolve questions and concerns as they arise.

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required to demonstrate your skills and knowledge by completing the assessment(s) for each course. In general there are two types of assessments: performance assessments and objective assessments. Performance assessments contain, in most cases, multiple scored tasks such as projects, essays, and research papers. Objective assessments include multiple-choice items, multiple-selection items, matching, short answer, drag-and-drop, and point-and-click item types, as well as case study and video-based items. Certifications verified through third parties may also be included in your program. More

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The following section includes the areas of study in the program, with their associated courses. Your specific learning resources and level of instructional support will vary based on the individual competencies you bring to the program and your confidence in developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required in each area of the degree. The Degree Plan and learning resources are dynamic, so

Geometry and Statistics is a performance-based assessment that evaluates a student's portfolio of work. This portfolio includes the student's responses to various prompts and an original lesson plan for each of the mathematics modules such as geometry and measurement, statistics and probability.

Mathematics (K-6) Portfolio Oral Defense: Mathematics (K-6) Portfolio Defense focuses on a formal presentation. The student will present an overview of their teacher work sample (TWS) portfolio discussing the challenges they faced and how they determined whether their goals were accomplished. They will explain the process they went through to develop the TWS portfolio and reflect on the methodologies and outcomes of the strategies discussed in the TWS portfolio. Additionally, they will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of those strategies and how they can apply what they learned from the TWS portfolio in their professional work environment.

Finite Mathematics covers the knowledge and skills necessary to apply discrete mathematics and properties of number systems to model and solve real-life problems. Topics include sets and operations; prime and composite numbers; GCD and LCM; order of operations; ordering numbers; mathematical systems including modular arithmetic, arithmetic and geometric sequences, ratio and proportion, subsets of real numbers, logic and truth tables, graphs, and trees and networks. There are no prerequisites for this course.

The Research Design and Analysis course focuses on applying strategies for effective design of empirical research studies. Particular emphasis is placed on selecting or constructing the design that will provide the most valid results, analyzing the kind of data that would be obtained, and making defensible interpretations and drawing appropriate conclusions based on the data. Research Questions and Literature Review is a prerequisite for this course.

MA, Mathematics Education (K-6) Capstone Written Project takes the student through the steps of planning and conducting research on a topic or issue related to the students' practice setting. The result is expected to be a significant piece of research, culminating in a written research report, including sections describing a literature review, methodology, and detailed analysis and reporting of results. Prerequisite Courses: Research Foundations (C224), Research Questions and Literature Review (C225), Research Design and Analysis (C226), and Research Proposals (C227) or permission of a faculty manager. Additionally, students wishing to add the Capstone with fewer than eight weeks remaining in the term must receive permission of the faculty manager.

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