AIM Institute for Learning & Research

Pathways to Proficient Reading: Secondary Pacing Guide

Pathways to Proficient Reading: Secondary is designed for middle and high school educators who are committed to learning about the connection between reading research, theoretical models such as the Simple View of Reading and Scarborough's Reading Rope, and best practices for language and literacy instruction in the classroom. Participants will learn effective instructional practices that will benefit all students, including linguistically diverse populations and those with language-based learning disabilities. Completion of Pathways to Proficient Reading: Secondary is estimated to take approximately 55 hours, depending on the participant's background knowledge in the science of reading. At the end of this professional development opportunity, participants will be able to draw from their specialized knowledge in the science of reading to improve lesson planning, and provide evidence-based diagnostic, prescriptive literacy instruction across content areas. The course will also prepare participants for the Center for Effective Reading Instruction's Knowledge and Practice Examination for Effective Reading Instruction (KPEERI) exam and certification. Further, demonstrating mastery on the coursework can earn you CEUs (PA Act 48 or CTLE credits) and/or three graduate credits from Arcadia University. .

The start and completion of the course will occur asynchronously. Once participants gain access to the AIM Pathways platform and complete their asynchronous tasks, they will have access to the coursework at their convenience—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere there is an internet connection. Below is the Pacing Guide customized to your cohort's scheduling needs. Participants will complete the asynchronous coursework sections prior to the date of the synchronous virtual community-of-practice meetings.

- LA DOE Cohort

Date of Access to AIM Pathways Platform: Thursday, April 2, 2026

Asynchronous Coursework: Due by Date of VCoP	Approximate Time to Complete	Synchronous Meeting Title	Day of VCoP	Date of VCoP	Time of VCoP
Watch Orientation Video, Complete Pre-Course Knowledge Inventory	90 minutes	N/A	Complete Independently by Thursday, April 9, 2026		
Sections 1-5	14.5+ hours	VCoP #1	Tuesday	May 12, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Sections 6-9	12+ hours	VCoP #2	Tuesday	August 11, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Sections 10-11	5+ hours	VCoP #3	Tuesday	September 8, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Section 12	5+ hours	VCoP #4	Tuesday	October 6, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Sections 13-14	5+ hours	VCoP #5	Tuesday	November 10, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Sections 15-16	5.5+ hours	VCoP #6	Tuesday	December 8, 2026	4:00 - 5:00 PM CT
Post-Course Knowledge Inventory, Print Certificate	60 minutes	N/A	Complete Independently by Tuesday, December 15, 2026		

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