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The DWS Program is the nation's first and only competency-based alternative bar licensing program. Launched in partnership with the New Hampshire Supreme Court and the New Hampshire Bar in 2005, the award-winning program has been widely recognized as a model for the future of legal education. The DWS Program provides students with a rigorous combination of practical skills training and performance-based assessment over two years. Assigned bar examiners evaluate students' work, and successful students are admitted to the New Hampshire Bar the day before graduation, without taking the traditional two-day bar exam—allowing graduates to launch their legal careers immediately.

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