

Grand Rapids Community College

Transfer Guide

Rapid technological changes have generated strong demand for technical teachers in Michigan. Graduates can expect excellent career opportunities in industry, secondary and vocational education. Technical skills and the training to teach them to others are a valuable combination in education today. If you relate well to others and enjoy working with your hands and mind, you are well suited for a worthwhile and rewarding career in technical education.

The Ferris State University technical education program provides a balanced mix of courses in three major areas: professional education, field experience and liberal arts education. About a third of the courses required for graduation will be in the major's chosen field. Technical education students also must complete occupational work experience. A field experience in which students work with young people in public schools is required, along with a full-time directed teaching assignment in a vocational/technical program at an area vocational center or high school.

Course Requirements

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
EN 101	ENGL 150	English Composition 1	3
EN 102	ENGL 250	English Composition 2	3
COM 131	COMM 105	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or COM 135	or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication	3
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Natural Sciences Course with Lab	4
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Natural Sciences Course	3-4
MA 107	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	4
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Culture Elective (one course at 200+ level)	9
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Self and Society Elective (one course at 200+ level) (must be from 2 departments) Diversity may also count as Culture or Self and Society credit	9
Total Grand Rapids Community College Credits			38-39

FSU General Education Requirements can be found at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/gened/index.htm>.

Students transferring to Ferris with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and entering a degree program will have met a 30-hour block of lower-level general education courses. However, this does not exempt students from completing program specific prerequisites or higher-level general education course requirements. Students should contact their advisor regarding classes that meet the MTA.

Students are encouraged to work with their Ferris advisor for selection of any electives, to ensure transferability and to minimize credits taken

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Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
Professional Sequence Courses		
Level I Courses		
EDUC 101	Introduction to the Profession of Teaching	1
EDUC 251	Life Span Human Growth & Development (PY 232 at GRCC)	3
EDUC 289	Principles of Teaching & Learning (PY 251 at GRCC)	3
Level II Courses		
(Prior to enrolling in any Level II or III courses, students must pass all sections of the state-mandated Basic Skills Test and complete a Level II application)		
EDUC 303	School, Work, and Society (ED 200 at GRCC)	3
EDUC 338	Secondary General Methods I	4
EDUC 415	Teaching Strategies for Special Education and Diverse Populations	3
EDUC 438	Secondary General Methods II	5
EDUC 443	Teaching Reading/Secondary Areas	3
ECTE 320	Foundations in Career and Technical Education I	3
ECTE 325	Foundations in Career and Technical Education II	3
Level III Courses		
EDUC 499	Secondary Directed Teaching	12
Total Ferris Credits		46
A minimum of 40 credits in occupational area		40
Credits Required for Degree		124-125

**A 2.5 GPA is required in the major/minor coursework. A 2.75 GPA is required in the Professional Education Course Sequence. A 2.5 cumulative GPA is required before student teaching.

Program Offered at:
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General Admission Criteria

To be admitted to this degree program, students must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or higher (2.0 on 4.0 scale). A Technical Associate degree with 40 major semester credits that average at least a 2.5 GPA, or occupational competency documented by the Michigan Occupational Competency Assessment Center (MOCAC) is required. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application.

Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Students who are completing the MTA may have different general education course requirements for the particular degree selected. Meeting with a Ferris advisor prior to the selection of general education or elective course work may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Once admitted, students must continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

Transfer Student Orientation

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation.

Online Learning

Select courses delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at an off-campus location). The "Online Readiness Tutorial" is required for students who register for an online *course* or are completing an online *degree*. Students must demonstrate competency in Blackboard skills. This may be done by taking a tutorial and quiz, or, for students who have already taken and passed online courses, they can submit a waiver request. Students should check with the department that offers the class to determine its particular needs and/or the Ferris advisor regarding registration for online course work.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

The Community College and Ferris have entered into a partnership in order to work collaboratively and creatively to increase student completion of associate and bachelor degrees. The partners work together to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and completion at both the community college and Ferris.

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

Ferris participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This agreement will facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from one Michigan institution to another. Students may complete the MTA as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The MTA consists of a minimum of 30 general education credit hours as identified by the college or university.

Disclaimer

This is a guide for students who plan to transfer to Ferris State University. This guide is not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change. Students should contact their community college or Ferris to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to the effective and/or revised date on the bottom of the guide.