

**Northwestern Michigan College**  
 Transfer Guide

Rapid technological changes have generated a demand for technical teachers in the United States. Graduates can expect career opportunities in industry, secondary and technical 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. Many of these courses for your technical major and liberal arts courses may be completed through NMC under the direction of a Ferris Education advisor. About a third of the courses required for graduation will be in the technical area chosen by the student. 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.	NMC Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ENG 111	ENGL 150	English Composition	4
ENG 112	ENGL 250	English Composition	4
or ENG 113		Technical Writing	
COM 111	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
NMC	VARIES	FSU General Education – Natural Sciences Course with Lab	4
NMC	VARIES	FSU General Education – Natural Sciences Course	3-4
NMC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Culture Elective (one course at FSU 200+ level)	9
NMC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Self and Society Elective (one course at FSU 200+ level) (must be from 2 departments)	6
PSY 211	EDUC 251	Developmental Psychology	3
		Diversity may also count as Culture or Self and Society credit	
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<b>Professional Education Level I</b>			
PSY 211	EDUC 251	Developmental Psychology	
<b>Total Northwestern Michigan College Credits</b>			<b>37</b>

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Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
<b>Professional Education Level I</b>		
EDUC 101	Introduction to Profession of Teaching	1
EDUC 289	Principles of Teaching & Learning	3
<b>Professional Education Level II</b> (requires successful completion of MTTC Basic Skills test and Level II Application)		
EDUC 303	School, Work & Society	3
EDUC 415	Teaching Special Needs	3
EDUC 338	Secondary General Methods I (includes 40 hr field experience)	4
EDUC 438	Secondary General Methods II (includes 80 hr field experience)	5
EDUC 443	Teaching Reading/Secondary Areas	3
ECTE 320	Foundations in Career and Technical Education I	3
ECTE 325	Foundation in Career and Technical Education II	3
<b>Professional Education Level III</b> (Must pass MTTC subject area exam prior to student teaching)		
EDUC 499	Secondary Directed Teaching	12
<b>Total Ferris Credits</b>		<b>46</b>
A minimum of 40 credits in occupational area		<b>40</b>
<b>Credits Required for Degree</b>		<b>122-123</b>

Please refer to FSU's General Education Requirements 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.

**\*\* THIS DEGREE DOES NOT LEAD TO SECONDARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION UNLESS YOU HAVE AN ACADEMIC MAJOR.**

If you choose to obtain an academic major, your other endorsement area will be in your technical field. *Note: If you are interested in secondary education, you should make an appointment to see the Ferris Teacher Education advisor immediately. Although you may not be ready to transfer to Ferris, the advisor will work with you to make sure that you continue to take classes at NMC that will minimize your costs and time by the elimination of unnecessary coursework.*

\*Major Choices for those seeking a Provisional Secondary Teaching Certificate: Biology, Chemistry, English., History, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Business, Management, Marketing & Technology

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**General Admission Criteria**

Transfer students must have a minimum of 48 credits and a minimum 2.50 GPA to be admitted to the School of Education. Admission to the Technical Education curriculum requires the completion of one of the following: An associate degree with at least 40 semester hours in the occupational major and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in the major courses, **OR** Occupational competence documented by the Michigan Occupational Competency Assessment Center. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application. Financial aid is available and may include concurrent enrollment at both institutions.

**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.