

As the health care industry continues to grow and expand, the demand for health information technicians also increases. Employment is expected to grow faster than average through the year 2020 (Bureau of Labor Statistics 2012) because of the rapid growth in tests, treatments and procedures available. Technicians will be needed to work with computer databases and other tasks related to electronic health records. Many graduates are employed in hospitals, but job growth is projected to be greatest in physicians' offices and clinics, nursing homes and home health agencies.

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Program is also offered in Grand Rapids and the professional courses are offered in the evening. General education courses may be completed either through Ferris State University or at a local college or university and transferred to fulfill graduation requirements. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be earned at Ferris in order for the degree to be granted.

At the end of the program, the student is eligible to apply to write the national certification examination to earn the designation of Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). The Ferris HIT program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education ([www.cahiim.org](http://www.cahiim.org)) in collaboration with the American Health Information Management Association.

### Course Requirements

Schoolcraft Community College			
Course	FSU Equiv.	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
COMA 200	COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG 101	ENGL 150	English Composition	3
ENG 102	ENGL 250	English Composition	3
BIOL 235	BIOL 109	Anatomy & Physiology	5
MATH 053	MATH 110	Beginning Algebra	4
Schoolcraft CC	Varies	Culture Elective	3
Schoolcraft CC	Varies	Self and Society Elective	3
CIS 120	ISYS 105	Software Application/Micro	3
<b>Total Schoolcraft Community College Credits</b>			<b>27</b>

For further program information, see [www.ferris.edu/chp](http://www.ferris.edu/chp), from **All Degrees** choose **Health Information Technology** and see links in the side column.

**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.

Ferris State University		
Course	Course Title	Cr Hrs
COHP 101	The US Health Care Systems	3
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1
HCSA 202	Health Care Law I	3
HCSA 345	Internship Orientation	1
ISYS 200	Database Design & Implementation	3
MRIS 101	Intro to Health Info Systems	4
MRIS 103	Medical Vocabulary	4
MRIS 122	Health Information Systems	4
MRIS 204	ICD10 Coding I	4
MRIS 205	ICD10 Coding II	4
MRIS 209	Quality Mgmt in Health Care	3
MRIS 210	Fund of Disease Process	4
MRIS 211	CPT Coding	3
MRIS 221	Foundations of Reimbursement	3
MRIS 261	Health Info Tech Review	1
MRIS 293	Professional Practice I	6
<b>Total Ferris Credits</b>		<b>51</b>
<b>Credits Required for Degree</b>		<b>77</b>

### Program Offered at:

**Main Campus, Big Rapids**  
College of Health Professions  
(231)591-2270 of [CHP@ferris.edu](mailto:CHP@ferris.edu)  
[www.ferris.edu/CHP](http://www.ferris.edu/CHP)  
[www.ferris.edu/transfer](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer)

**General Admission Criteria****Transfer Students – Degree Completion at the Community College**

- To be admitted to this degree program, either a completed associate degree or at least 48 transferable semester credit hours (“C” or better on 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university with a 2.5 overall GPA and credit for, or placement into, ENGL 150 or MATH 110 is required. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges and universities must be submitted with the Ferris application.

**Transfer Students – Big Rapids Main Campus**

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended (GPA is based on completion of 12 credit hours or more). It is highly recommended that transfer credits include the FSU equivalency of ENGL 150, MATH 110, and the FSU equivalency of a social awareness or cultural enrichment course OR general education requirements. Developmental courses are not considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU that would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; Compass score 70 – 100.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 115 or placement during the first semester at FSU that would require an ACT Math score of 19 or higher; Compass Algebra score 46 - 74 and HS Algebra with 2.0.

**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.