

**West Shore Community College**  
 Transfer Guide

This program is designed for graduates of associate degrees in numerous allied health disciplines where there is no discipline specific bachelor degree available. This degree allows two-year health degree students the opportunity to advance in their chosen health profession or continue into a graduate program. The curriculum has been designed to allow students to pursue different avenues during their degree completion: a certificate in gerontology; exposure to health care management; specialization in health care finance; or a specialization in personnel practices in health care.

**Course Requirements**

| West Shore Community College                      |                            |   |           |
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| Course  | Ferris Equiv.              | WSCC Course Titles  | Cr. Hrs.  |
| SPE 101<br>or<br>SPE 110                          | COMM 121<br>or<br>COMM 105 | Principles of Speaking<br>or<br>Interpersonal Communication   | 3         |
| ENG 111   | ENGL 150                   | English Composition I   | 3         |
| ENG 112   | ENGL 250                   | English Composition II  | 3         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | FSU General Education - Lab<br>Natural Sciences Course  | 4         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | FSU General Education - Natural<br>Sciences Course  | 4         |
| MTH 121   | MATH 115                   | Intermediate Algebra  | 4         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | FSU General Education - Culture<br>Electives  | 6         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | Upper Level Culture<br><b>Choose one of the following:</b><br>EDU 222<br>LIT 211<br>LIT 212<br>LIT 250<br>PHL 203 | 3         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | FSU General Education - Self<br>and Society Electives<br>(must come from 2 different<br>departments)              | 6         |
| PSY 263<br>or<br>PSY 266                          | PSYC 310<br>or<br>PSYC 326 | Upper Level Self and Society<br>Educational Psychology<br>or<br>Social Psychology                                 | 3         |
| WSCC  | VARIES                     | Professional Degree Courses   | 50        |
| <b>Total West Shore Community College Credits</b> |                            |   | <b>89</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.

| Ferris State University                     |  |            |
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| Course                                      | Ferris Course Titles                         | Cr. Hrs.   |
| ENGL 321                                    | Advanced Composition                         | 3          |
| CCHS 315                                    | Epidemiology – Statistics                    | 3          |
| CAHS 300                                    | Health Information Systems                   | 3          |
| CAHS 471                                    | Trends in Health Care                        | 3          |
| CAHS 490                                    | Capstone Project                             | 3          |
| <b>Choose 7 courses from the following:</b> |  | <b>19</b>  |
|   | PHIL 320 Biomedical Ethics                   |            |
|   | SOCY 340 Race and Ethnicity US               |            |
|   | HCSA 310 Health Care Finance 2               |            |
|   | HCSA 326 Health Care Personnel<br>Practice   |            |
|   | HCSA 336 Health Care Supervisory<br>Practice |            |
|   | HCSA 402 Health Care Law 2                   |            |
|   | HCSA 410 Health Care Finance 3               |            |
|   | HCSA 460 Principles of Long Term Care        |            |
|   | HCSA 475 Practice Mgmt in Health Care        |            |
|   | CAHS 317 Public Health Administration        |            |
|   | CAHS 351 Intro to Gerontology                |            |
|   | CAHS 352 Health / Phys Aspects of Aging      |            |
|   | CAHS 353 Health Care for Older Adults        |            |
|   | CAHS 354 Policies, Issues, Trends Aging      |            |
| <b>Total Ferris Credits</b>                 |  | <b>34</b>  |
| <b>Credits Required for Degree</b>          |  | <b>123</b> |

**Program Offered at:**  
**Main Campus, Big Rapids**  
 College of Health Professions  
 (231) 591-2270  
[AlliedHealth@ferris.edu](mailto:AlliedHealth@ferris.edu)

**Ferris Online**  
 Toll Free at (800) 562-9130 or (231) 591-2340  
[ferrisonline@ferris.edu](mailto:ferrisonline@ferris.edu)

[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 2.35 overall GPA and credit for, or placement into, ENGL 150 and MATH 115 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 2.35 (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 115, 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.