

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

In the Early Childhood Education program, students will study important topics such as early childhood development, nutrition, first aid, and children's literature. Students will also receive a broad educational background by completing general education courses in English, mathematics, humanities and sociology. This degree does not prepare students to become certified teachers; however, graduates of the Early Childhood Education major find positions in Head Start programs, Great Start Readiness Programs, day care center, or family day care homes, elementary schools, hospitals, recreation centers, or other child related businesses.

Communication Competency Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 131	Fundamentals – Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	EN 101	English Composition 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	EN 102	English Composition 2	3
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323 or ENGL 325	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing or Business Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115 or MATH 117	Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Math	3	MA 110 or MA 124	College Algebra or Math for Liberal Arts	4

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements (minimum 6 credits required; at least one must be a class with a lab) (FSU BIOL 109 = GRCC BI 117 is required for the Child Life Specialist Concentration)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Natural Sciences Electives	6 – 7	Varies	Varies	6

Culture Competency Requirements - minimum 9 credits from 2 different disciplines with 1 course at FSU 200 level or higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Culture Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6
LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	EN 250	Children's Literature	3

Self and Society Competency Requirements - 9 credits required; 1 course at 200+ FSU level (May be met in Child Life Specialist Concentration by taking FSU PSYC 150 / GRCC PY 201 and FSU SOCY 121 / GRCC SO 251)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology (recommended)	3	SO 251	Introduction to Sociology (recommended)	3
Varies	FSU General Education – Self and Society Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6

Ferris State University General Education Program Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

Diversity - Competency met by 2 courses designated as Global and U.S. Diversity is satisfied by: These courses can be met through the Culture and Self and Society Competency requirements.

College Requirements – 86 – 88 Credits Required

Major Courses - 71 credits required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	CD 105	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	CD 118	Human Growth & Development 1	3
EDCD 115	Observ & Docu of Young Children	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
RMLS 122	Responding to Emergencies OR Current CPR/First Aid Certification	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 160	Role of the Early Childhood Teacher	3	CD 209	Creative and Language Arts for Preschoolers	3
COHP 205	Child Care Food & Nutrition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

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Major Courses - 71 credits required (cont.)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 206	Ethical Practices- Early Childhood	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 210	Methods for Infants and Toddlers	4	CD 210	Infant and Toddler Development	4
EDCD 211	Methods for Preschool & School Age Children	4	CD 229	Math, Science and Technology for Preschoolers	4
EDCD 285	Introduction to the Early Childhood Education Practicum	1	CD 285	Assessment Tools in Child Development	2
EDCD 295	Early Childhood Education Practicum	6	CD 280	Internship in Child Development	3
EDCD 308	Teaching Strategies for Special Education & Diverse Populations	3	CD 230	Young Child with Special Needs	3
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 350	Curriculum Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 380	Advocacy in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 410	Early Childhood Education Management & Leadership	3	CD 218	Early Childhood Program Administration	3
EDCD 425	Assessment/Research Methods in EC	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 450	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 487	Introduction to the Early Childhood Education Internship	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 495	Early Childhood Education Internship	12	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

ONE CONCENTRATION FROM LIST BELOW REQUIRED (Requires Declaration) Must be 15 credits or more**EARLY CHILDHOOD MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION – 15 Credits Required**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting	3	BA 256	Principals of Accounting 1	3
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	BA 283	Business Management	3
MGMT 310	Small Business Management	3	BA 286	Small Business Management	3
MGMT 411	Small Business Systems & Operations	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MGMT 320	Growing the Small Business	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEAD TEACHER CONCENTRATION – 15 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDLA 207	Emergent Literacy	3	CD 260	Emergent Literacy	3
EDLA 222	Text & the Child	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDLA 340	Writer's Workshop	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDLA 342	Reader's Response	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ARTS 131 & MUSI 131	Art for the Elementary Teacher & Music for the Elementary Teacher	2	ED 220	Integrating Arts- Elementary Education	3

CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST CONCENTRATION – 17 Credits Required – (only available on Ferris' Main Campus)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 430	Introduction to the Child Life Specialist Field	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COMM 320	Family Communications	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SOCY 373	Health & Illness in Society	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SOCY 225	Marriage & Family	3	SO 270	American Family in Transition	3
PSYC 345	Psychology of Death & Dying	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 100	Medical Terminology	1	GH 110	Medical Terminology 1	2

Total Credits Required for Degree**126****Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:****Main Campus, Big Rapids****College of Education and Human Services – School of Education**(231) 591-3646 | [School of Education Email](#) | [School of Education Website](#)**Ferris Statewide – Grand Rapids**(800) 998-3425 | (616) 451-4777 | [Ferris Grand Rapids Website](#) | [Ferris Grand Rapids Email](#) | [Ferris Statewide Website](#)**[Transfer Partnerships Website](#)**

*Select courses may be 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).

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Effective September 1, 2017 - September 1, 2020; COE Updated Spring 2019 and Fall 2019

Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit ferris.edu/non-discrimination.

Transfer Admissions Requirements

- Transfer students with 30 credit hours must possess a combined college or university GPA of 2.0 from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA.
- ENGL 150 or placement in the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; or SAT ERW score of 450 or higher; or Accuplacer English score of 6 or higher.
- MATH 114/115 or placement in the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT MATH score of 19 or higher; SAT MATH of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.
- **Degree Completion at the Community College through Ferris Statewide or Online program:** Minimum 48 transferable credit hours ("C" or better on 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must

- maintain a 2.50 cumulative FSU GPA
- have 40 credits at the 300/400 level
- have 30 credits of Ferris classes (FSU Residency requirement)
- have a minimum 120 total credits to earn a bachelor degree
- have no grade lower than a C
- maintain a 2.50 GPA their concentration
- maintain a 2.75 GPA in the major

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.

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.

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 must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives.

Original Signed Articulation Agreement

The original, signed document is kept on file in the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships. To obtain a copy of the original, signed document, contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships at 231/591-5983 or email your request to transfercenter@ferris.edu.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, Ferris State University and the Community College agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either institution or any of their employees.

Articulation Agreement

Effective Dates: September 1, 2017 – September 1, 2020

This Agreement shall commence as of September 1, 2017 and shall be for an initial term of three years. Minor updates to the agreement may be made during this time. This agreement may be renewed at the end of three years. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

Signatures

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