

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

“Students must meet with a Ferris advisor. Students enrolled in or enrolling in the Elementary Education Program must complete the program requirements and doing student teaching by Fall 2023. New program requirements will be in effect beginning Fall 2021.”

Ferris State University's School of Education offers an exemplary program in Elementary Education designed to provide a balanced blend of theory and practice. Students have the opportunity to obtain Michigan Elementary Provisional Certification by taking classes at Grand Rapids Community College and Ferris State University. Certification will allow an individual to teach kindergarten through fifth grade. Graduates can also teach sixth through eighth grades in their minor subjects (upon successful completion of subject matter exams). Throughout the program, students will complete at least 570 hours in a variety of hands-on, field-based experiences in the K-8 classroom. Our small class sizes guarantee all students receive the attention they deserve. A background in state-of-the-art educational technology prepares students to integrate computer technology into instruction.

The Elementary Education Program requires the completion of two elementary education academic minors (Language Arts, Mathematics, Integrated Science), giving students a broad academic base in language arts and math. Students may choose an additional third minor for Early Childhood to add the ZS endorsement to their certification. The professional education courses include field-based experiences supervised by instructional teams comprised of teacher educators, professors from the content area disciplines, and expert K-8 teachers. Financial aid is available when dually enrolled at Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Community College, for those who qualify.

General Admission Criteria

- Applicant must have at least 30 transferable credits and a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
- All transferred courses must be a “C” grade or higher.
- The following courses must be completed prior to admission (Grand Rapids equivalent in parenthesis): ENGL 150 (EN 100 OR 101), ENGL 250 (EN 102), COMM 121 (COM 135 or 131), MATH 115 (MA 110), and BIOL 103 (BI 101), PHSC 110 (GL 111), or PHSC 115 (PC 101).
- Submit official high school and college transcript(s) to Ferris State University at time of application. (Note: high school transcript is waived if there is evidence of a completed associate's degree on the applicant's college transcript).
- School of Education recommends that students complete MATH 218 and 219 (MA 210 and MA 211) and EDCD 110 (CD 118) prior to admission.
- **Language Arts minor requires a “B” or better in ENGL 150 (EN 100 OR 101) and ENGL 250 (EN 102)**

Teacher Certification Requirements

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) meet the MDE (CAEP) cohort requirements, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors, and (3) have a 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

Field Experience, Pre-Teaching

Pre-student teaching field experiences provide an opportunity to experience classroom management, discipline, planning and delivery of content in the classroom setting. EDUC 413, 431, 432 and 435 have pre-teaching field experiences with clock hour requirements.

Student Teaching

Student Teaching is the final activity of the Elementary Education Program (typically 15-16 weeks long). Prior to student teaching all degree program coursework must be completed and all minimum GPA requirements met. Student must successfully complete the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) subject matter exam(s). More information about student teaching can be obtained by contacting the Field Placement Coordinator or the Faculty Advisor.

Additional Requirements

Various policies are in place to ensure the success of our students. All students must meet MDE requirements; currently CAEP, prior to starting their Level II/III courses. Students must submit required paperwork prior to taking any courses with field placements included. Students are required to maintain appropriate GPA in their planned program and minors to be eligible for student teaching and program completion.

Communication Competency Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 135 or COM 131	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of 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	Advanced Composition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Course 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 Mathematics	3 or 4	MA 110 or MA 107 & MA 124	College Algebra or Intermediate Algebra & Math for Liberal Arts	4

Natural Sciences Competency Course Requirements – The required courses are met in the program’s major or minor

Self and Society Competency Course Requirements – The required courses are met in the program’s major or minor

Culture Competency Course Requirements – The required courses are met in the program’s major or minor

Grand Rapids Community College may have prerequisites for some courses. *FSU’s EDCD 110 for the Early Childhood Minor is satisfied by this course. FSU’s EDCD 104 for the Early Childhood Minor will be waived if a student takes CD 118 and CD 209.

Ferris State University General Education Program

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses

Major Requirements – 70 – 73 Credits Required**Planned Program Courses – 26 – 29 Credits Required**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
ARTS 131* & MUSI 131	Arts for the Elementary Teacher & Music for the Elementary Teacher	2	ED 220	Integrating the Arts in Elementary Education	3
HIST 121	U.S. History to 1877	3	HS 160	US History through Reconstruction	3
HIST 230	Michigan History	3	HS 260	History of Michigan	3
GEOG 100	Geography of World Religions	3	GE 135	World Regional Geography	3
PLSC 121	American Government 1: People & Politics	3	PS 110	American Government	3
ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	EC 251	Principles of Economics – Macro	3
PHSC 110	Inquiry into Earth Systems	4	GL 111	Earth Science for Educators	4
PHSC 115	Inquiry into Physical Science	4	PC 101	General Physical Science	4
BIOL 103	Biological Concepts	4	BI 101 or BI 101E	General Biology	4

Language Arts Minor Coursework – 25 Credits Required (3.0 GPA required with no grades lower than a “C”)

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
ENGL 301	Introduction to Linguistics	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
LITR 326	Children’s Literature	3	EN 250	Children’s Literature	4
EDLA 340	Writer’s Workshop	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
LITR 380	World Folk Literature	3	ENG 251	Multicultural American Literature	3
EDLA 342	Reader Response	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDLA 476	Inquiry in K-8 Classrooms	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Math Minor Coursework – 24 Credits Required (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a “C”)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 132	Survey of Calculus	3	MA 129	Survey of Calculus	5
MATH 218	Math for Elementary Teachers 1	3	MA 210	Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4
MATH 219	Math for Elementary Teachers 2	3	MA 211	Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4
MATH 317	Geometry for Elementary & Middle School Teachers	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MATH 318	Probability & Statistics for Teachers	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MATH 319	Mathematical Modeling & Problem Solving	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MATH 326	Discrete Math for Teachers	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MATH 418	Teaching Elementary & Middle School Math	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

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Integrated Science Minor Coursework - 25 Credits Required (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
GEOL 221	History of the Earth	3	GL 104	Historical Geology	4
INBI 303	Ecology: Interconnections Between Disciplines	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
INPS 320	Integrating the Physical Sciences	3	PC 111 & GL 111 & PC 101	Physics of Everyday & Earth Science for Educators & General Physical Science	12
PHSY 450	Science Laboratory	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Optional Additional Minor - Early Childhood Minor (ZS) (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 101	Introduction of Early Childhood Ed	4	CD 105	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	CD 118	Human Growth & Development 1	4
EDCD 115	Obsv. – Docu. Of Young Children	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 160	Education of Children	3	CD 209	Creative & Language Arts for Children	4
EDCD 210	Computer Applications in Child Development	4	CD 210	Infant & Toddler Development	4
EDCD 211	Infant & Toddler Environment & Curriculum	4	CD 229	Math, Science & Technology for Preschools	4
EDCD 285	Children's Activities	1	CD 285	Assessment Tools in Child Development	2
EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in ECE	3	CD 230	Teaching Special Needs in ECE	4
EDCD 285 + EDCD 295	Child Development Internship Orientation + Early Childhood Education Practicum	6	CD 280	Internship in Child Development	3

*Course is not required for students who are also enrolled in the Early Childhood minor.

**ECEE (Early Childhood) minors will replace EDUC 251 with EDCD 112 in Level 1 and EDUC 415 with EDCD 308 in Level 2.

Professional Sequence – 44 Credits Required

Level 1 Professional Education Prerequisite Courses Teacher Education Candidates - (Must complete prior to Level 2, must have a minimum of a 2.75 GPA with no grade lower than a "C", and cannot have more than 2 repeats in Level 1 coursework)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 101	Introduction to the Profession of Teaching	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 251**	Life Span Human Growth & Development	3	CD 118*	Human Growth & Development	4
EDUC 289	Principles of Teaching & Learning	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 303	School, Work, & Society	3	ED 200	Intro. to Education	3

Level 2 Professional Education Courses - Notes: Prior to enrolling in any Level 2 courses, all students must meet MDE requirements, currently CAEP (see advisor for options). Complete all Level 1 courses with a minimum of 2.5 GPA with no grade lower than a C, have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and complete a level 2 application. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. You may not have more than two repeats in Level 1 courses.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 413	Instructional Planning & Delivery for Elementary Education	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 415**	Teaching Strategies for Special Education & Diverse Populations	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 420	Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School 1 [Prerequisite or co-requisite: EDUC 413]	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Notes: Prior to entering the 80 hours pre-student teaching, students must meet MDE requirements, currently CAEP (see advisor for options.) Students may not repeat any education course more than once

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 421	Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School 2 (Prerequisite: EDUC 420; Co-requisite: EDUC 431 &/or EDUC 432)	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 431	Methods of Integrating, Teaching, & Evaluating Language Arts & Social Studies in the Elementary/Middle School (Prerequisite or co-requisite: EDUC 421)	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 432	Methods of Integrating, Teaching, & Evaluating Math & Science in the Elementary/Middle School (Prerequisite or co-requisite: EDUC 421; Application for field experience required)	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 435	Methods of Teaching Health & P.E. in the Elementary/Middle School (Co-requisite: EDUC 431 or EDUC 432)	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Level 3 Professional Education Courses *NOTE: Prior to enrolling in any Level III course, all students must pass the Michigan Test for teacher certification in elementary education. Students may not repeat any education courses more than once.*

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 499	Student Teaching	12	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
Total Credits Required for Degree					120

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](#)

Ferris Statewide – Grand Rapids

(810) 762-0461 | [Ferris Grand Rapids Website](#) | [Ferris Grand Rapids Email](#) | [Ferris Statewide Website](#)

[Transfer Partnerships Website](#)

*Select courses delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at either Grand Rapids Community College, the Ferris main campus, or at another off-campus location).

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.

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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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