

**“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.”**

Certified Elementary Teachers wishing to teach Preschool through grade three (3) may want to add the Early Childhood (ZS endorsement) to their certificate. Successful completion of this minor will result in the ZS Endorsement on your Elementary Education Teaching Certificate. You must take and pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (Early Childhood) before applying for the ZS endorsement. This minor offered in full at Grand Rapids Community College and at Main Campus, Big Rapids.

**Course requirements that can be completed at GRCC**

GRCC Course	Ferris Equivalency	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Credit Hours
CD 218	EDCD 104 & 105	Child Development Leaderships	3
CD 118	EDCD 110	Child Development 1	3
CD 215	EDCD 111	Child Development 2	3
CD 209	EDCD 160	Education of Children	3
CD 210	EDCD 210	Infant Toddler Environment. & Curriculum	4
CD 229	EDCD 211	Children’s Activities	4
CD 285	EDCD 285 & 298	Child Development Intern. Orientation & Internship Seminar	2
CD 280	EDCD 291	Child Development Internship	4
CD 230	EDCD 308	Teaching Strategies for Special Education	3
<b>Total GRCC Credits</b>			<b>29</b>
<b>Total Credits Required for Minor</b>			<b>29</b>

**Program Contact Information:**

**Main Campus, Big Rapids**  
**College of Education and Human Services**  
**School of Education**  
(231) 591-5361  
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**General Admission Criteria**

**New Students**

- Students Must be seeking the Elementary Education Bachelor of Science Degree.

**Transfer Students**

- Students must be seeking the Elementary Education Bachelor of Science Degree.
- All transfer classes must meet the trade requirements.

**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. Students are encouraged to work with their Ferris Advisor for selection of any electives, to ensure transferability and to minimize credits taken.

**Transfer Student Orientation**

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation.

**Online Learning**

Select courses are 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, submitting 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.

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.

**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 effective and/or revised date on the bottom of this guide.