

Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) 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. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|--|--|--------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| COMM 121 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 | COM 111 | Principles of Speaking | 3 |
| ENGL 150 | English 1 | 3 | ENG 111 | English Composition 1 | 3 |
| ENGL 250 | English 2 | 3 | ENG 112 | 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. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| MATH 115 or MATH 117 | Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics | 3 | MTH 111 or MTH 120 | Intermediate Algebra or Mathematical Explorations | 3 |

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements (minimum 6 credits required; at least one must be a class with a lab) (FSU BIOL 109 = NMC BIO 106 & 106L is required for the Child Life Specialist Concentration and would substitute for BIO 110 for this concentration.)

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|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| BIOL 103 | Biological Concepts | 4 | BIOL 110 | Essential Biology | 4 |
| PHSC 110 | Inquiry into the Earth System | 4 | ENV 103 | Earth Science | 4 |

Culture Competency Requirements - 9 credits required*; courses in this category must come from two different disciplines

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|------------|--|--------------|------------|--|--------------|
| Varies | FSU General Education – Culture Electives | 6 | Varies | Varies – 1 course at FSU 200+ level or higher | 6 |
| LITR 326 | Children's Literature | 3 | ENG 210 | Children's Literature | 3 |

Self and Society Competency Requirements (9 credits required*; courses in this category must come from two different disciplines; 1 at 200+ level)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| SOCY 121 | Introductory Sociology | 3 | SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| PSYC 150 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | PSY 101 | Introduction Psychology | 3 |
| SOCY 225 | Marriage & the Family | 3 | SOC 211 | Marriage & the Family | 3 |

*[Ferris State University General Education Program](#) Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

Major Requirements 65 credits required

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| EDCD 101 | Intro to Early Childhood Education | 4 | ECE 101 | Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| EDCD 112 & EDCD 115 | Theories of Child Development & Observ & Docu of Young Children | 6 | ECE 202 | Human Development and Learning | 5 |
| EDCD 160 | Education of Children | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDCD 206 | Ethical Practices- Early Childhood | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDCD 210 | Methods for Teaching Infants and Toddlers | 4 | ECE 206 & ECE 290A | Infant Toddler Care Curriculum & Early Education Internship | 3 & 1 |
| EDCD 211 | Methods for Teaching Preschool and School Age Children | 4 | ECE 204 & ECE 290B | Early Childhood Curriculum & Early Childhood Internship | 3 & 2 |
| EDCD 285 | Child Development Internship Orientation | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDCD 295 | Early Childhood Education Practicum & Seminar | 6 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| COHP 205 | Child Care Food & Nutrition | 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 |

See next page for the continuation of Major Requirements

Major Requirements 65 credits required (cont.)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
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| EDCD 308 | Teaching Strategies for Special Education & Diverse Populations | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDCD 310 | Child Guidance | 3 | ECE 203 | Curriculum for Guiding Children | 3 |
| 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 | ECE 220 | Early Education 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 | Orientation to 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. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| ACCT 201 | Principles of Accounting | 3 | ACC 121 | Accounting Principles 1 | 4 |
| MGMT 301 | Applied Management | 3 | MGT 241 | Applied Management | 3 |
| MGMT 310 | Small Business Management | 3 | MGT 245 | Small Business Management | 3 |
| MGMT 411 | Small Business Systems & Operations | 3 | 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. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC Cr. Hrs. |
|---------------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| EDLA 207 | Emergent Literacy | 3 | ECE 230 | Early Literacy & Learning | 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 | 3 | ECE 240 | Integrating Arts in Curriculum | 3 |

CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST CONCENTRATION – 17 Credits Required – only available on Ferris State University's Main Campus

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | NMC Equiv. | NMC Course Title | NMC 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 | SOC 211 | Marriage and Family | 3 |
| PSYC 345 | Psychology of Death & Dying | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| COHP 100 | Medical Terminology | 1 | HAH 101 | Medical Terminology | 3 |
| SOCY 121 | Introductory Sociology | 3 | SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| PSYC 150 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | PSY 101 | Introduction Psychology | 3 |

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](#)**Ferris Statewide – Traverse City**Toll Free (800) 562-9130 | (231) 995-1734 | [Ferris Statewide Traverse City 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).

General Admission Criteria

Transfer Students – Main Campus, Big Rapids

- 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 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.

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 Northwestern Michigan 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: January 1, 2020 – January 1, 2023

This Agreement shall commence as of January 1, 2020 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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