

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC) Transfer Guide

The Bachelor of Science in Allied Health is a completion degree for graduates of associate degrees in the 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 is designed as a "+2" degree allowing students to transfer 50 credits of their professional coursework.

In addition to the professional coursework required in the Bachelor of Science in Allied Health, you will be required to complete the general education requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree at the university, the College Health Professions core courses and additional upper level coursework from Ferris State University. The curriculum has been designed to allow you to pursue different avenues during your 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.

Communication Competency

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 103	Freshman English 2	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Quantitative Literacy— see below or Any MATH Course Higher Than MATH 117; Consult Advisor for Exceptions, or Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, or Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher, or Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115 or MATH 116 or MATH 117	Intermediate Algebra or Intermediate Algebra & Numerical Trigonometry or Contemporary Mathematics	3 or 4 or 4	MATH 102 or MATH 127	Mathematical Literacy or College Literacy	4

Natural Sciences Competency – 2 courses required with a minimum of 6 credits; must have at least 1 lab course

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Natural Sciences Competency	6	Varies	Varies	6

Culture Competency - 3 courses required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Culture Electives	9	Varies	Varies	9

Self and Society Competency - 3 courses required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Self and Society Electives	9	Varies	Varies	9

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses or may visit www.ferris.edu/gened.

Diversity Competency – 2 Courses Required

If not met by courses taken for Culture, Self and Society, or MTA, a student must meet the following:

- 1 course with the Global Diversity attribute
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute

College Requirements – 81 Credits Required

College of Health Professions Core Curriculum – 12 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 300	Health Care Information Systems	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 350	Statistics for Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 471	Trends in Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 499	Capstone Project	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Major Courses - 19 Credits Required – select from the following

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 317	Public Health	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
PHIL 320	Biomedical Ethics	3	PHIL 280	Biomedical Ethics	4
PUBH 320	Nutrition & Health	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 330	OSHA Law	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
HCSA 336	Health Care Supervisory Practices	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SOCY 340	Minority Groups in America	3	SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3
PSYC 345	Psychology Death & Dying	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 351	Introduction to Gerontology	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 352	Health & Physical Aspects of Aging	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 353	Health Care for Older Adults	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 354	Policies, Issues, & Trends in Aging	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Professional and Clinical Courses 50 Credits Required

AAS Degree Coursework - Students must have previously earned an associate degree in a health specialty from an accredited college or university or be enrolled within an associate degree program within the College of Health Professions at Ferris State University.

Total Credits Required for Degree **120 - 121**

This program is available online or at the Big Rapids Main Campus

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Health Professions

(231) 591-2270 | chp@ferris.edu

Ferris Online

(231) 591-2340 | ferrisonline@ferris.edu | [Financial Aid Consortium Eligible](#)

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 Student

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Students must have previously earned an associate degree in a health specialty from an accredited college or university or be enrolled within an associate degree program within the College of Health Professions at Ferris State University.

New Student Admission Requirements for incoming freshman refer to the Ferris Catalog. www.ferris.edu/catalog

Steps to Apply

1. Complete a free application at www.ferris.edu/apply.
2. Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to:
 - Ferris State University Admissions Office, 1201 S. State St, CSS 201, Big Rapids, MI 49307
 - Transfer@ferris.edu
3. Submit Test Scores (if required)
 - ACT Scores; go to www.act.org. Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to www.collegeboard.org. Ferris State University School Code: 1222

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's 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.

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 and the Ferris Catalog at www.ferris.edu/catalog.

Partners may contact the Transfer Services Center with questions or updates at otssp@ferris.edu.