

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC)

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

There are many opportunities for nurses with experience and a BSN degree. Traditionally a field that provided a constant number of nursing career opportunities, health care is now growing at an unprecedented rate. The program is for Registered Nurses who were originally prepared at the associate degree or diploma level. Students in the program graduate from various nursing programs across the United States and generally work 30 or more hours per week.

The program prepares students to make evidence-based decisions that improve the quality and safety of the individual as well as the population aggregate. Students with a diploma or associate degree in nursing and a RN license can complete Ferris' Bachelor's degree (RN to BSN) on a part or full time basis. Designed expressly for associate degree and diploma RNs who want to further their educational growth and development.

**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	No Equivalent or SPEE 102 or No Equivalent	No Equivalent or Fundamentals Public Speaking or No Equivalent	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 103	Freshman English II	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 104	Freshman English III	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, Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, 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 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Math	4 or 3 or 4	No Equivalent or MATH 127 or MATH 128	No Equivalent or College Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	4

**Natural Sciences Competency** – Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
BIOL 108	Medical Microbiology	3	BIOL 202	Microbiology	4
BIOL 251 & BIOL 252	Human Anatomy & Human Physiology	8	BIOL 214 & BIOL 215	Basic Human Anatomy & Principles of Human Physiology	8

**Culture Competency** – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, 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** – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, 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.
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3
PSYC 310 or SOCY 340	Educational Psychology or Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.	3	PSYC 296 or SOCI 240	Educational Psychology or Minority Groups in America	3

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses or may visit [www.ferris.edu/gened](http://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 – 11 Credits Required**– COHP 100, 101, and 102 can be met with a Registered Nurse (RN) license or Associate Degree in Nursing.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 100	Orientation to Medical Vocabulary	1	SMC Nursing Coursework	SMC Nursing Coursework	1
COHP 101	The U.S. Health Care System	3	SMC Nursing Coursework	SMC Nursing Coursework	3
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	SMC Nursing Coursework	SMC Nursing Coursework	1
COHP 350	Statistics in Health Care	3	*MATH 150	Statistics	4
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Major Courses – 65 Credits Required – A Registered Nurse (RN) license or associate degree in nursing satisfies 40 of the 65 credits required**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
NURS AAS	ADN or Diploma RN Program	40	SMC Nursing Coursework	SMC Nursing Coursework	40
NURS 320	RN to BSN Skills Acquisition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 324	Transition into Professional Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 310	Population Based Health Promotion	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 340	Community Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 440	Leadership in Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 495	Senior Capstone Leadership Practicum	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 300 or NURS 300 or NURS 314 or NURS 315 or NURS 316 or NURS 317 or NURS 319 or Elective	Health Informatics or Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice or Gerontological Nursing or End of Life Nursing Care or Transcultural Nursing or Spirituality in Nursing Care or Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness or Advisor Approved Elective	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

**Electives –** In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree, a student must have a minimum of 120 credits and 40 credits of 300 level or higher courses must be earned. The electives required for each student may vary depending on courses taken.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Electives	Electives to bring total hours to 120	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>120</b>
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**No more than 90 credits may be transferred from the Community College to Ferris State University.**

## Program Contact Information:

### Main Campus, Big Rapids

#### College of Health Professions – School of Nursing

(231) 591-2270 | [chp@ferris.edu](mailto:chp@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/health-professions](http://www.ferris.edu/health-professions)

## Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

### Ferris Statewide - Online

(231) 591-2340 | [online@ferris.edu](mailto:online@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/online](http://www.ferris.edu/online) | [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

New Student Admission Requirements for incoming freshman refer to the Ferris Catalog [www.ferris.edu/catalog](http://www.ferris.edu/catalog)

## Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- Students must have previously earned an Associate Degree in Nursing and their Registered Nursing (RN) license.

## Transfer Students - Concurrent Admissions Option

(Students can be concurrently admitted to our Bachelor of Science in Nursing simultaneously while they are completing their Associate Degree in Nursing)

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- Students must be enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing and have at least the second semester of nursing coursework in progress or completed to be considered for the concurrent admissions option.

## Ferris State University and Southwestern Michigan College – Nursing - RN to BSN Completion – Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

Effective June 1, 2022 – June 1, 2025

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

### **Additional Programmatic Graduation Requirements**

- A minimum grade of C or higher must be earned in ENGL 150, ENGL 250, ENGL 321, all Communication (COMM) courses, and all Nursing (NURS) courses. Two unsuccessful, less than C, attempts in any Nursing (NURS) course(s) will result in dismissal from the nursing program.
- Completed Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Registered Nursing (RN) license.

### **Steps to Apply**

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

*\*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution*

### **Transfer Student Orientation**

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

### **Reverse Transfer Agreement**

Southwestern Michigan 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](http://www.ferris.edu/catalog).

Partners may contact the Transfer Services Center with questions or updates at [transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu](mailto:transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu).

### **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 [transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu](mailto:transferguidesarticulations@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 Southwestern 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: June 1, 2022 – June 1, 2025**

This Agreement shall commence as of June 1, 2022 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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