

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC)
Articulation Agreement & 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 Southwestern Michigan 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 minors, 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 Southwestern Michigan 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 (Southwestern equivalent in parenthesis): ENGL 150 (ENGL 103), ENGL 250 (ENGL 104) and MATH 115 (MATH 127).
- 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 have COMM 121 (SPEE 102) prior to admission.
- School of Education recommends that students complete MATH 218 (MATH 153) and MATH 219 (MATH 154) prior to admission.
- **Language Arts minor requires a “B” or better in ENGL 150 (ENGL 103) and ENGL 250 (ENGL 104)**

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.

Course requirements that can be completed at SMC

General Education

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
ENGL 103	ENGL 150	Freshman English 2 (B or above)	3
ENGL 104	ENGL 250	Freshman English 3 (B or above)	3
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MATH 127	MATH 115	College Algebra	4

Professional Sequence Level I

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 101	EDUC 101	Introduction to the Profession of Teaching	1
EDUC 215**	EDUC 251	Human Development and Learning	3
PSYC 296	EDUC 289	Educational Psychology	3

Planned Program Courses (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
ARTS 200 **	ARTS 131	Creative Process Through Art	3
MUSI 240	MUSI 131	Music for the Classroom Teacher	3
BISC 111	BIOL 103	Biological Sciences	4
SCIE 190	PHSC 110	Earth Science for Elementary Educators	3
HIST 201	HIST 121	US History I	3
HIST 230	HIST 230	Michigan History	3
POSC 201	PLSC 121	American Government	3
ECON 201	ECON 221	Macroeconomics	3

Math Minor Coursework - (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
MATH 141	MATH 220	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1	4
MATH 153	MATH 218	Math for Elementary Teachers I	4
MATH 154	MATH 219	Math for Elementary Teachers II	4
MATH 265	MATH 318	Probability and Statistics for Teachers	4

Language Arts Minor Coursework – (3.0 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
ENGL 251	LITR 326	Children's Literature	3
EDUC 260	EDLA 207	Emergent Literacy	3

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

SMC Course	Ferris Course	SMC Course Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 223	EDCD 105	Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC 217	EDCD 110	Early Childhood Development	3
EDUC 215	EDCD 111	Human Development and Learning	3
EDUC 115	EDCD 160	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC 221 & EDUC 222	EDCD 211	Early Childhood Curriculum/Cognitive & Communication & Early Childhood Curriculum/Physical and Creative	3 & 3
EDUC 220	EDCD 310	Guiding Children's Social Development	4
EDUC 240	EDCD 104 & EDCD 291 & EDCD 298	Early Childhood Education/Internship	6 - 8

Total SMC Credits	58 - 85
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FSU General Education Requirements can be found at: [Ferris General Education Requirements](#). Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

Southwestern Michigan College may have prerequisites for some courses.

**You may disregard this class if the early childhood endorsement is pursued; however, this endorsement needs to be completed prior to student teaching.

Course requirements that will need to be completed at Ferris State University

General Education

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition (online or in class)	3

Professional Sequence Level I - (must complete prior to Level II, 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)

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
EDUC 303	School, Work, and Society	3

Professional Sequence Level II – (2.75 GPA is required in Level I and II courses prior to EDUC 499)

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
EDUC 413	Instructional Planning & Delivery (co-requisite EDUC 420)	4
EDUC 415	Teaching Strategies for Special Education and Diverse Populations	3
EDUC 420	Teaching Reading in Elementary/Middle School I (co-requisite EDUC 413)	3
EDUC 421	Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School II (co-requisite: EDUC 431, 432, 435)	3
EDUC 431	Methods of Teaching, Integrating, and Evaluating Language Arts & Social Studies in the Elementary/Middle School (co-requisite: EDUC 421, 432, 435)	3
EDUC 432	Methods of Teaching, Integrating, and Evaluating Math & Science in the Elementary/Middle School (co-requisite: EDUC 421, 431, 435)	3
EDUC 435	Methods of Teaching, Integrating, and Evaluating Health & PE in the Elementary/Middle (co-requisite: EDUC 421, 431, 432)	3

Professional Sequence Level III - (The SAT, K-5 Elementary Education Exam and Subject Matter Exams in the Minors must be completed prior to EDUC 499. Application for Student Teaching must be made 9-12 months prior to the semester in which student teaching will occur. Required minimum grade for EDUC 499 is a "B-")

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
EDUC 499	Student Teaching	12

Planned Program Courses – (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
PHSC 115	Inquiry into Physical Science	4
GEOG 100	Geography of World Regions	3

Math Minor Coursework - (2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
MATH 317	Geometry for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3
MATH 319	Mathematical Modeling & Problem Solving	3
MATH 326	Discrete Math for Teachers	3
MATH 418	Teaching Elem. & Middle School Math	3

Language Arts Minor Coursework – 3.0 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
EDLA 222	Text & the Child	4
EDLA 340	Writer's Workshop	3
EDLA 342	Reader Response	3
EDLA 476	Inquiry in the K-8 Classrooms	3
ENGL 301	Linguistics	3
LITR 380	World Folk Literature	3

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

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours
EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in ECE	3

Total Ferris Credits	82 - 84
Total Credits Required for Degree	140 - 169

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

Delivery Locations

This degree and the Ferris courses are offered to students of Southwestern Michigan College at the following locations:

- Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI
- Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
- Select courses delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at either Southwestern Michigan 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. 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.

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 August 1, 2018 – August 1, 2021

This Agreement shall commence as of August 1, 2018 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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