

**West Shore Community College (WSCC)**  
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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	SPE 101 or SPE 110	Principles of Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	MTH 121	Intermediate Algebra	4

The Math course needs to be at Ferris State University MATH 115 or higher.

**Natural Sciences Competency Requirements** (minimum 6 credits required; at least one must be a class with a lab)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
BIOL 103 or BIOL 2ZL	Biological Concepts or BIOL General Credit	4	NSC 101 or ANP 230	Life Science or Anatomy / Physiology 1 (Child Life Specialist)	4
PHSC 115	Inquiry into Physical Science	4	NSC 102	Physical Science Physics & Space	4

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

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Culture Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6
LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	EDU 222	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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
PLSC 121	American Government 1 – People & Politics	3	POL 151	American National Government	3
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SOC 171	Intro to Sociology	3
PSYC 341	Child Psychology	3	PSY 262	Child Psychology	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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	ECE 130	Childhood Development for Early Child Education	3
EDCD 115 & EDCD 211 & EDCD 285	Observ & Docu of Young Children & Methods for Teaching Preschool & School Age & Child Development Internship Orientation	3 + 4 + 1	ECE 120	Early Childhood Ed & Child Care 1	7
EDCD 160	Education of Children	3	ECE 125	Early Childhood Ed Activities	3
EDCD 206	Ethical Practices- Early Childhood	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 210	Methods for Teaching Infants & Toddlers	4	ECE 150	Infant & Toddler Care	3
EDCD 295	Early Childhood Practicum	6	ECE 121	Early Childhood & Child Care 2	7
COHP 205	Child Care Food & Nutrition	3	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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
RMLS 122	Responding to Emergencies <b>OR</b> Current CPR/First Aid Certification	2	ALH 118	First Aid- Responder Emergency (or proof of current CPR/First Aid card)	1
EDCD 308	Teaching Strategies for Special Education & Diverse Populations	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
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 250	Administration of Early Childhood Ed Facilities	3
EDCD 425	Assessment/Research Methods in EC	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDCD 450	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 135	Current Issues in ECE	3
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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201 + ACCT 2--	Principles of Financial Accounting	4	ACC 122	Principles of Accounting 2	4
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	MGT 201	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 310	Small Business Management	3	MGT 205	Small Business Management	3
MGMT 411	Small Business Systems & Operations	2	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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
EDLA 207	Emergent Literacy	3	ECE 132	Promoting Early Lit. & Lan.Dev.	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	Art for the Elementary Teacher	1	ART 113	Art for Elementary Teaching	1
MUSI 131	Music for the Elementary Teacher	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

**CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST CONCENTRATION – 17 Credits Required** (only available on the Main Campus)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC 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 274	Sociology of Family	3
PSYC 345	Psychology of Death & Dying	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 100	Medical Terminology	1	ALH 104	Medical Terminology	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 161	General Psychology	3

**Total Credits Required for Degree****120****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))

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Effective March 1, 2020 – March 1, 2023

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).

## **General Admission Criteria**

### **Transfer Students – Main Campus, Big Rapids**

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.0 (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.

### **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**

West Shore 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](mailto: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 West Shore 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 Dates: Effective March 1, 2020 – March 1, 2023

This Agreement shall commence as of March 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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