

West Shore Community College (WSCC) 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

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121 or *COMM 105	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 101 or *COM 110	Principles of Speaking or Interpersonal Communications	3
ENGL 150	English 1 (B or higher)	3	ENG 111	English Composition I	3
ENGL 250	English 2 (B or higher)	3	ENG 112	English Composition II	3
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323 or ENGL 325	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing or Business Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Quantitative Literacy – See below or 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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	4 or 3 or 3	MTH 125 or MTH 121 or No Equivalent	Quantitative Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra or No Equivalent	3 or 4 or 0

Natural Sciences Competency – Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course. (BIOL 109 is required for the Child Life Specialist Concentration (ECSP))

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6

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.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	EDU 222	Children's Literature	3
Varies	Culture Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6

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, and at least one Self and Society Foundation Course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SOC 171	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 161	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCY 225	Marriage and the Family	3	SOC 274	Sociology of the Family	3

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 – 82 to 86 Credits Required**Major Courses – 67 Credits Required**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WCC Equiv.	WCC Course Title	WCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	ECE 130	Childhood Dev for Early Child Edu	3
EDCD 115 & EDCC 211	Observ & Docu of Young Children & Methods for Teaching Preschool & School Age Children	3 & 4	ECE 120	Early Childhood Ed and Child Care I	7
EDCD 160	Role of the Early Childhood Teacher	3	ECE 125	Early Childhood Ed Activities	3
COHP 205	Child Care Food & Nutrition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 206	Ethical Practices-Early Childhood	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 210	Methods for Teaching Infants & Toddlers	4	ECE 150	Infant and Toddler Care	3
EDLA 261	Foundations of Literacy	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 295	Early Childhood Education Practicum	6	ECE 121	Early Child Ed and Child Care II	7
EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 340	Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 350	Curriculum Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 380	Advocacy in Early Childhood Education	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 425	Assessment/Research Methods in Early Childhood	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 450	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 135	Current Issues Early Childhood Ed	3
EDCD 495	Early Childhood Education Internship	12	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Concentration – 15 to 19 Credits Required (Advisor Approval) Choose one concentration**Birth Through Kindergarten Concentration (BIRK) – 19 Credits Required – These courses are used to calculate the concentration 2.50 GPA requirement**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WCC Equiv.	WCC Course Title	WCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 311	Advanced Foundations of Literacy Pre-K through Third Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 408	Individualized Educ Plan/Individualized Family Service Plan Planning and Development	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 411	Literacy Instruction and Assessment Pre-K through Third Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 440	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in Early Childhood	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 488	Early Childhood Special Educaiton Internship	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Child Life Specialist Concentration (ECSP) – 17 Credits Required – Available on Main Campus Only. These courses are used to calculate the concentration 2.50 GPA requirement

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WCC Equiv.	WCC Course Title	WCC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 100	Medical Terminology	1	ALH 104	Medical Terminology	3
EDUC 251	Human Growth Development	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COMM 320	Family Communications	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
PSYC 345	Psychology of Death & Dying	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SOCY 373	Health & Illness in Society	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 430	Intro to the Child Life Specialist Field	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Early Childhood Lead Teacher Concentration (ECLT) – 16 Credits Required – The courses are used to calculate the concentration 2.50 GPA requirement

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 311	Advanced Foundations of Literacy Pre-K through Third Grade	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 408	Individualized Educ Plan/Individualized Family Service Plan Planning and Development	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDLA 411	Literacy Instruction and Assessment Pre-K through Third Grade	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
EDCD 440	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in Early Childhood	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Early Childhood Management Concentration (ECMG) – 15 Credits Required – The courses are used to calculate the concentration 2.50 GPA requirement

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	WSCC Equiv.	WSCC Course Title	WSCC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting	3	ACC 121	Principles of Accounting I	4
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	MGT 201	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 310	Small Business Management	3	MGT 205	Small Business Management	3
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	MKT 241	Principles of Marketing	3
EDCD 410	Early Childhood Education Management and Leadership	3	ECE 250	Adm of Ely Childhood Ed Facilities	3

Total Credits Required for Degree **122 - 127**

No more than 90 credits may be transferred from the community college to Ferris State University.

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Arts, Sciences and Education

School of Education

(231) 591-5361 | soe@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/case

Ferris Statewide – Scottville

(231) 995-1734 | FerrisNorth@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/statewide | [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 Admissions Criteria

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

Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.0 from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA.
- ENGL 150 or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher.
- MATH 114, 115, OR 117 or placement in the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT MATH score of 19 or higher; SAT MATH of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.

Degree Completion 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.

Steps to Apply

- Complete a free application at www.ferris.edu/apply.
 - Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to 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. Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Sores; 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.

Ferris State University and West Shore Community College – Early Childhood Education – Transfer Guide

Effective 2022-2023

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

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.

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 transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu.