

Grand Rapids Community College

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

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 Grand Rapids Community 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 academic minors (Language Arts, Mathematics, Integrated Science), 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 Grand Rapids Community 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 (Grand Rapids equivalent in parenthesis): ENGL 150 (EN 100 OR 101), ENGL 250 (EN 102), COMM 121 (COM 135 or 131), MATH 115 (MA 110), and BIOL 103 (BI 101), PHSC 110 (GL 111), or PHSC 115 (PC 101).
- 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 complete MATH 218 and 219 (MA 210 and MA 211) and EDCD 110 (CD 118) prior to admission.
- **Language Arts minor requires a "B" or better in ENGL 150 (EN 100 OR 101) and ENGL 250 (EN 102)**

Teacher Certification Requirements

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) pass all sections of the Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) or the former Basic Skills Test, (2) pass the K-5 Elementary Education Exam (ZG Endorsement), and (3) pass Student Teaching with a grade of "B-" or better. Students are encouraged to take the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Subject Matter Exams in their subject area minors [after finishing respective minor(s) and prior to Student Teaching] in order to be able to teach grades 6-8. These state requirements are in addition to the Ferris 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 all three sections of the PRE, 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 in Room 1008, Grand Rapids Memorial Building.

Additional Requirements

Various policies are in place to ensure the success of our students. Students must submit required "Level II" paperwork (this includes but is not limited to; DHS Clearance, Criminal Background Check with fingerprinting, and PRE or completed PRE practice exam) prior to taking any 300/400 level Education courses from Ferris. Students must also submit paperwork prior to taking any courses with field placements included. Students are required to maintain the appropriate GPA in their planned program and minors to be eligible for student teaching and program completion.

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
General Education				General Education		
EN 101	ENGL 150	English Composition I (B or above for LA minor)	3	ENGL 321	Advanced Composition (online or in class)	3
EN 102	ENGL 250	English Composition II (B or above for LA minor)	3	Professional Sequence Level I		
COM 131	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	(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)		
or	or	or		EDUC 101	Introduction to Profession of Teaching	1
COM 135	COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication		EDUC 289	Principles Teaching – Learning (Or, take PY 251 at GRCC.)	3
Professional Sequence Level I				Professional Sequence Level II		
CD 118*	EDUC 251	Human Growth & Development	4	(2.75 GPA is required in Level I and II courses prior to EDUC 499. The Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) must be taken prior to Level II courses. The PRE must be passed prior to the second field experience (80 hour) courses.)		
Professional Sequence Level II				EDUC 413	Instructional Planning & Delivery (co-requisite: EDUC 420)	4
ED 200	EDUC 303	Intro to Education	3	EDUC 415	Teaching Strategies for Special Education and Diverse Populations	3
Planned Program Courses				EDUC 420	Teaching Reading in Elementary/Middle School I	3
(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")				EDUC 421	Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School II (co-requisite: EDUC 431, 432, 435)	3
ED 220	ARTS 131 & MUSI 131	Integrating the Arts in Elementary Education	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
BI 101 or 101E	BIOL 103	General Biology	4	EDUC 432	Methods of Teaching, Integrating, and Evaluating Math & Science in the Elementary/Middle School (co-requisite: EDUC 421, 431, 435)	3
GL 111	PHSC 110	Earth Science for Educators	4	EDUC 435	Methods of Teaching, Integrating, and Evaluating Health & PE in the Elementary/Middle School (co-requisite: EDUC 421, 431, 432)	3
PC 101	PHSC 115	General Physical Science	4	Professional Sequence Level III		
HS 249	HIST 121	US History through Reconstruction	3	(The Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Elementary Education Exam must be passed 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-")		
HS 260	HIST 230	History of Michigan	3	EDUC 499	Student Teaching	12
GE 135	GEOG 100	World Regional Geography	3	Ferris Total for All Elementary Students Before Minors 41		
PS 110	PLSC 121	American Government	3	Students must choose two of the three Minors. Please consult with FSU-GR Advisor before choosing Minors.		
EC 251	ECON 221	Principles of Economics-Macro	3	Math Minor Coursework		
MA 110	MATH 115	College Algebra	4	(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")		
or	or	or		MATH 317	Geometry for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3
MA 107 & 124	MATH 115 & 117	Intermediate Algebra & Math for Liberal Arts		MATH 318	Probability & Statistics for Teachers	3
MA 210	MATH 218	Math for Elementary Teachers 1	4	MATH 319	Mathematical Modeling & Problem Solving	3
MA 211	MATH 219	Math for Elementary Teachers 2	4	MATH 326	Discrete Math for Teachers	3
EN 250	LITR 326	Children's Literature	4	MATH 418	Teaching Elem. & Middle School Math	3
ENG 251	LITR 380	Multicultural American Literature	3	Language Arts Minor Coursework		
Total GRCC Credits for All Elementary Students 65				(3.0 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")		
Students must choose two of the three Minors. Please consult with FSU-GR Advisor before choosing Minors.				EDLA 222	Text & the Child	4
Math Minor Coursework				EDLA 340	Writer's Workshop	3
(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")				EDLA 342	Reader Response	3
MA 129	MATH 132	Survey of Calculus	5	EDLA 476	Inquiry in the K-8 Classrooms	3
Language Arts Minor Coursework				ENGL 301	Linguistics	3
(3.0 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")				Integrated Science Coursework		
CD 260	EDLA 207	Emergent Literacy	3	(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")		
Integrated Science Minor Coursework				INBI 303	Integrated Ecology	4
(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")				PHYS 450	Science Laboratory	3
GL 104	GEOL 221	Historical Geology	4	Additional Credits From Required Minors 63 - 72		
PC 111 & GL 111 & PC 101	INPS 320	Physics of Everyday	4	Early Childhood Minor (ZS) – Optional Additional Minor		
Total GRCC with Minor Options 73 - 78				(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")		
Early Childhood Minor (ZS) – Optional Additional Minor				Credits Required for Degree 132 -144		
(2.75 GPA required with no grades lower than a "C")						
CD 209	EDCD 160	Creative & Language Arts for Children	4			
CD 210	EDCD 210	Infant & Toddler Developemnt	4			
CD 215	EDCD 111	Adult-Child Interaction	3			
CD 218	EDCD 105	Preschool Management	3			
CD 229	EDCD 211	Math, Science & Technology for Preschools	4			
CD 230	EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in ECE	4			
CD 280	EDCD 291	Co-Op Education/Child Development	3			
CD 285	EDCD 285 & 298 & 299	Assessment Tools in Child Development	2			
Optional Additional Minor 27						
Total GRCC Credits with Optional Minor 100 – 105						

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Grand Rapids Community College may have prerequisites for some courses.
*FSU's EDCD 110 for the Early Childhood Minor is satisfied by this course.
FSU's EDCD 104 for the Early Childhood Minor will be waived if a student takes CD 118 and CD 209.

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.

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.

Online Learning

Select courses 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, they can submit 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.

**Program Offered at:
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Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Education and Human Service

School of Education

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Original Signed Articulation Agreement

The original, signed document is 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.

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Effective Dates: September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2020

This Agreement shall commence as of September 1, 2017, 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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