

### Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

#### Pre-Early Childhood Education, A.A. 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 (GRCC courses listed below are part of the AA requirements)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 131 (AA degree requirement)	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1 (B or higher)	3	EN 101 (AA degree requirement)	English Composition I	3
ENGL 250	English 2 (B or higher)	3	EN 102 (AA degree requirement)	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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC 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	MA 115 or MA 110 (AA degree requirement) or MA 107 (AA degree requirement) or MA 124 (AA degree requirement)	Data Analysis and Algebraic Models or College Algebra or Intermediate Algebra or Math for Liberal Arts	4

**Natural Sciences Competency** – Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course. (BIOL 109 [GRCC's BI 117] is required for the Child Life Specialist Concentration (ECSP))

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives	6	Varies (AA degree requirement)	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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	*EN 250 (AA degree requirement)	Exploration of Children's and Early Adolescents' Literature	3
Varies	Culture Electives	3	Varies (AA degree requirement)	Varies	3
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**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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SO 251 (AA degree requirement)	Principles of Sociology	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 201 (AA degree requirement)	General Psychology	3
SOCY 225	Marriage and the Family	3	SO 270 (AA degree requirement)	American Families in Transition	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 – 82 to 86 Credits Required

#### Major Courses – 67 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	EDU 105 (AA degree requirement)	Foundations of Early Childhood Educaiton	3
EDCD 112	Theories of Child Development	3	EDU 118 (AA degree requirement)	Human Growth and Development I	4
EDCD 115 & EDCD 160	Observ & Docu of Young Children & Role of the Early Childhood Teacher	3 & 3	EDU 209 (AA degree requirement)	Creative and Lanugage Arts for Preschoolers	4
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	EDU 210 (AA degree requirement)	Infant/Toddler Development	4
EDCD 211	Methods for Teaching Preschool & School Age Children	4	EDU 229 (AA degree requirement)	Math, Science, and Technology for Preschoolers	4
EDLA 261	Foundations of Literacy	3	EDU 205 (AA degree requirement)	Foundations of Early Literacy Instruction	3
EDCD 295	Early Childhood Education Practicum	6	EDU 280 (AA degree requirement) & EDU 285 (AA degree requirement)	Internship in Child Development & Assessment Tools in Child Development	3 & 2
EDCD 308	Teaching Special Needs in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 230 (AA degree requirement)	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education and Inclusion	4
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	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	EDU 215 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Adult-Child Interaction	3
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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 100	Medical Terminology	1	GH 110 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Medical Terminology I	2
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	GO 263 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Death and Dying	3
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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
EDCD 310	Child Guidance	3	EDU 215 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Adult-Child Interaction	3
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.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting	3	BA 256	Principles of Accounting I	4
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	BA 283	Business Management	3
MGMT 310	Small Business Management	3	BA 286 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Small Business Management	3
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	BA 270 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Marketing	3
EDCD 410	Early Childhood Education Management and Leadership	3	EDU 218 (AA degree requirement for concentration)	Early Childhood Program Administration	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](mailto:soe@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/case](http://www.ferris.edu/case)

**Ferris Statewide – Grand Rapids**

(616) 451-4777 | [fsugr@ferris.edu](mailto:fsugr@ferris.edu) | [www.ferris.edu/statewide](http://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](http://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](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, transfer policies and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Ferris accepts transfer courses in which the student earned a letter grade of "C" or better. Additional policies such as the Ferris Sunset and Residency Requirement should be discussed with a Ferris advisor. 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. Students must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives.

Once admitted, students are required to complete an orientation and should continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

To schedule an appointment or for additional transfer resources and policies see our Transfer Resource page at [www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer).

*\*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution*

## Reverse Transfer Agreement

Ferris has reserve transfer agreements with several Michigan Community College. Under such agreement, Ferris will provide your official University transcript to a partner school you have attended so that they MAY grant you an associate or bachelor degree upon completion of sufficient and appropriate credit hours from both institutions. In turn, the degree granting institution will provide Ferris with an updated transcript reflecting the newly earned credential.

## 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.

## Disclaimer

Transfer guides are not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change and is aligned to the catalog year listed above. **Students should contact their community college and/or Ferris to keep informed of changes.** Students' final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to the Ferris catalog for the most current curriculum [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 Grand Rapids 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: July 1, 2022 – July 1, 2025**

This Agreement shall commence as of July 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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\*Please Note: The signed version of the document is kept on file in the GRCC Instructional Support Office. The final signature was performed on 07/13/2022. For more information, please contact the Director of Transfer & Articulation Services at 616-234-3183.