

Ferris Program: Nursing - RN to BSN Completion

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ferris College: College of Health Professions

Transfer School: Grand Rapids Community College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Total Credits Required: 120-121

Catalog Year: 2026-2027

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 39-40 Credits Required

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses. 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 and 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute.

Visit the Ferris State [general education page](#) for more information.

Communication Competency

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	COM 135 or COM 131 or No Equivalent
ENGL 150	English 1	3	EN 101
ENGL 250	English 2	3	EN 102
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Competency

Requirements for Quantitative Literary Competency can be met with the following:

- Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher
- Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher
- Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 116 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Intermediate Algebra and Numerical Trigonometry or Contemporary Mathematics	4 or 3 or 4	No Equivalent or MTH 112 or No Equivalent or MTH 115

Natural Sciences Competency

Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives (Met in Associate's)	6	Varies

Culture Competency

Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Culture Electives (Consult Advisor)	9	Varies

Self and Society Competency

Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Self and Society Electives (Consult Advisor)	9	Varies

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 81 Credits Required

College of Health Professions (COHP) Core Curriculum

11 Credits Required. COHP 100, 101, and 102 can be met with a Registered Nurse (RN) license or associate degree in nursing.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COHP 100	Orientation to Medical Vocabulary	1	GH 110 or *Waived with ADN and RN License
COHP 101	The United States Health Care System	3	Varies or *Waived with ADN and RN License
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	Varies or *Waived with ADN and RN License
COHP 350	Statistics in Health Care	3	No Equivalent
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent

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Major Courses

65 Credits Required. A Registered Nurse (RN) license or associate degree in nursing satisfies 40 of the 65 credits required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS AAS	ADN or Diploma RN Program	40	Varies
NURS 320	RN to BSN Skills Acquisition	3	No Equivalent
NURS 324	Transition into Professional Nursing	3	No Equivalent
NURS 310	Population Based Health Promotion	3	No Equivalent
NURS 340	Community Nursing	3	No Equivalent
NURS 440	Leadership in Nursing	3	No Equivalent
NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	3	No Equivalent
NURS 495	Senior Capstone Leadership Practicum	4	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) COHP 300	Health Informatics	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 300	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 314	Gerontological Nursing	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 315	End of Life Nursing Care	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 316	Transcultural Nursing	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 317	Spirituality in Nursing Care	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) NURS 319	Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 8) Varies	Elective Course (Advisor Approval)	3	No Equivalent

Electives (Consult Advisor)

5 Credits Required. In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree, a student must have a minimum of 120 credits. The electives required for each student may vary depending on courses taken. Based on how a student meets the programmatic requirements, they may need more or less than 5 credits of elective courses to meet the required 120 credit minimum.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Electives (Consult Advisor)	5	Varies

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- An associate degree in Nursing with a 2.50 College GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
- Registered Nursing (RN) License

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- Students must have previously earned an associate degree in nursing as well as their Registered Nursing (RN) license.

RN to BSN Concurrent Admissions

Students can be concurrently admitted to our Bachelor of Science in Nursing simultaneously while they are completing their Associate Degree in Nursing.

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- Students must be enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing and have at least one semester of nursing coursework in progress or completed to be considered for the concurrent admissions option.

MORE INFORMATION

To fulfill the residency requirement for a bachelor's degree a student must earn a minimum of 30 credits from Ferris State University.

Steps to Apply

- Complete your [free application](#).
- Submit official transcripts
 - Submit official transcripts from every school attended to Transfer@Ferris.edu
 - Or mail to:
Ferris State University Admissions Office
1201 S. State St., CSS 201
Big Rapids, MI 49307

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- Submit test scores (if required)
 - ACT Scores; go to the [ACT website](#) - Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to the [College Board website](#) - 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 coursework 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 the 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](#).

*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Ferris has reverse transfer agreements with several Michigan Community Colleges. 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's 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.

Transfer Equivalencies Tools

The transfer equivalencies link is located in the Transfer Resources section at transfer.ferris.edu.

Disclaimer

Transfer guides are not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information in this guide is subject to change and is aligned with 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.

Partners may contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships with questions or updates at TransferGuidesArticulations@Ferris.edu.