

**Ferris Program:** Nursing - Pre-Licensure BSRN-BSN

**Degree Type:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Ferris College:** College of Health Professions

**Transfer School:** Grand Rapids Community College

**Consortium Eligible:** No

**Total Credits Required:** 124-126

**Catalog Year:** 2026-2027

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 46-47 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 or ENGL 311	Advanced Composition or Advanced Technical Writing	3	No Equivalent or EN 249

**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 or 4	MTH 115 or MTH 112 or No Equivalent or MTH 116

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## Natural Sciences Competency

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

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
BIOL 108	Medical Microbiology	3	BI 126 or BI 127
BIOL 251 and BIOL 252	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	6	BI 121 and BI 122
CHEM 114	Intro to Chemistry	4	CHM 120

## 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
PHIL 220 or PHIL 320	Ethics in Healthcare or Biomedical Ethics	3 or 3	No Equivalent or PL 206
Varies	Culture Electives (Consult Advisor)	6	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
COHP 101	The U.S. Healthcare System	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 150	Intro to Psychology	3	PY 201
PSYC 226	Lifespan of Human Development	3	PY 232

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 78 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

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COHP 101	The United States Health Care System	3	No Equivalent
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	No Equivalent
COHP 350	Statistics in Health Care	3	MA 215 or PY 281
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent

## Major Courses

67 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 220	Professional Nursing Practice	2	No Equivalent
NURS 221	Nutrition for Nursing Practice	2	No Equivalent
NURS 227	Health Assessment	1	No Equivalent
NURS 223	Nursing Fundamentals Lab	3	No Equivalent
NURS 229	Pathophysiology for Clinical Practice	4	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) NURS 314	Gerontological Nursing	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) NURS 315	End of Life Nursing Care	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) NURS 316	Transcultural Nursing	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) NURS 317	Spirituality in Nursing Care	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) NURS 319	Disasters and Nursing Emergency Preparedness	3	No Equivalent
NURS 345	Pharmacology for Nurses	3	No Equivalent
NURS 346	Nursing Methods	1	No Equivalent
NURS 347	Applied Pharmacology	1	No Equivalent
NURS 348	Clinical Immersion 1	4	No Equivalent
NURS 354	Adult Health 1	3	No Equivalent
NURS 384	Adult Health 2	3	No Equivalent
NURS 385	Behavioral Health	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 386	Nursing Methods 2	1	No Equivalent
NURS 387	Nursing Methods 3	1	No Equivalent
NURS 388	Clinical Immersion 2	4	No Equivalent
NURS 389	Nursing Synthesis 1	2	No Equivalent
NURS 444	Adult Health 3	3	No Equivalent
NURS 445	Reproductive Health	2	No Equivalent
NURS 446	Nursing Methods 4	1	No Equivalent
NURS 447	Nursing Methods 5	1	No Equivalent
NURS 448	Clinical Immersion 3	4	No Equivalent
NURS 449	Nursing Synthesis 2	2	No Equivalent
NURS 484	Community Health and Leadership	4	No Equivalent
NURS 485	Pediatric Health	2	No Equivalent
NURS 486	Nursing Methods 6	1	No Equivalent
NURS 488	Clinical Immersion 4	4	No Equivalent
NURS 489	Practice Readiness	2	No Equivalent

## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

College of Health Professions  
School of Nursing  
(231) 591-2259  
[CHP@Ferris.edu](mailto:CHP@Ferris.edu)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### New Student Admission Requirements

- 2.70 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale) (2.50 -2.69 with college approval)
- Minimum Composite Score of ACT 18/SAT 950 OR 3.0 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and Composite ACT 17/SAT 900

### Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- 2.70 College GPA (on a 4.00 scale)

### Admission Requirements to the Professional Sequence

- 2.70 GPA or higher (on a 4.00 scale).
- Obtain a grade of B- or higher in the following courses; or their equivalent: MATH 115 or 117, BIOL 108, 251 and BIOL 252, and CHEM 114
- Obtain a grade of C or higher in the following courses; or their equivalent: COMM 105, 121, or 221

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- Obtain a grade of C- or higher in the following course; or its equivalent: ENGL 150 All Mathematics (MATH), Biology (BIOL), and Chemistry (CHEM) courses must meet the above requirements within two attempts. A withdrawal, W grade, counts as an attempt.

Application Accepted: February 1 - 15

## 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](mailto:Transfer@Ferris.edu)
  - Or mail to:  
Ferris State University Admissions Office  
1201 S. State St., CSS 201  
Big Rapids, MI 49307
- 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.

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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](https://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](mailto:TransferGuidesArticulations@Ferris.edu).