

Ferris Program: Dental Hygiene

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Health Professions

Transfer School: Grand Rapids Community College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Total Credits Required: 121-122

Catalog Year: 2024-2025

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 or ENGL 325	Advanced Composition or Advanced Business Writing	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 115 or MATH 116 or MATH 117	Intermediate Algebra or Intermediate Algebra and Numerical Trigonometry or Contemporary Mathematics	3 or 4 or 4	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. BIOL 108, 251, 252, CHEM 114, or acceptable equivalents from associate degree. Include another course with a lab from accredited Dental Hygiene program.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
BIOL 108 or BIOL 251 and BIOL 252 or CHEM 114	Medical Microbiology or Human Anatomy and Human Physiology or Introduction to General Chemistry	3 or 6 or 4	BI 127 or BI 121 and BI 122 or CHM 120
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives (Consult Advisor)	3	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. PHIL 320 is recommended.

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
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SO 251
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 201
Varies	Self and Society Elective (Consult Advisor)	3	Varies

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 82 Credits Required

College of Health Professions (COHP) Core Curriculum

11 Credits Required. COHP 100, 101, and 102 can be met with Dental Hygiene (DH) license.

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	No Equivalent
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent

Major Courses

71 Credits Required. An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Dental Hygiene is required and satisfies 40 of the 71 credits required. Admission also requires valid Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) or Licensed Dental Hygienist (LDH) license and a minimum 2.50 GPA (on a 4.00 scale).

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
DHYG AAS	Associate in Dental Hygiene	40	Varies
DHYG 300	Dental Hygiene Role Transition	3	No Equivalent
DHYG 315	Health Promotion and Wellness	3	No Equivalent
COHP 317	Public Health Organizations	2	No Equivalent
DHYG 320	Dental Hygiene Informatics	4	No Equivalent
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	BA 270
DHYG 330	Instructional Role of the Dental Hygienist	3	No Equivalent
DHYG 400	Community Program Assessment and Planning	4	No Equivalent
DHYG 415	Gerontology in Dental Hygiene	3	No Equivalent
DHYG 491	Dental Hygiene Practicum	3	No Equivalent
DHYG 499	Dental Hygiene Capstone	3	No Equivalent

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

[College of Health Professions](#)

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- Must have completed or be in the final academic year of an associate degree in an accredited Dental Hygiene program from an accredited college or university.
- 2.50 College GPA (on a 4.00 scale)

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 or be in the final academic year of an associate degree in a dental hygiene program from an accredited college or university.
- Transfer equivalency for Ferris State University's ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at Ferris State University which would require an English ACT score of 16 or higher; or ERW SAT score of 450 or higher; or English Accuplacer score of 6 or higher.
- Transfer equivalency for Ferris State University's MATH 115 or placement during the first semester at Ferris State University which would require a Math ACT score of 19 or higher; Math SAT of 500 or higher; or Math Accuplacer scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0 to 49.

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
- 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.

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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.