

Ferris Program: Health Information Management

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Health Professions

Transfer School: Southwestern Michigan College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Total Credits Required: 124

Catalog Year: 2024-2025

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 39 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 221	Interpersonal Communication or Small Group Decision Making	3	No Equivalent
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 103
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 104
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 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	MATH 127

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 109	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology	4	BIOL 110

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives (Consult Advisor)	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 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, have at least one 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 – 85 Credits Required

College of Health Professions (COHP) Core Curriculum

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

58 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MRIS 101	Introduction to Health Information Systems	4	HIMS 101
MRIS 103	Medical Terminology	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MRIS 121	Health Information Statistics	2	No Equivalent
MRIS 122	Health Information Concepts	4	HIMS 205
MRIS 204	ICD-10-CM Coding	4	HIMS 201
MRIS 205	ICD-10-PCS Coding	4	No Equivalent
MRIS 209	Quality Management in Health Care	3	HIMS 210
MRIS 210	Fundamentals of Disease Processes	4	No Equivalent
MRIS 211	CPT Coding	3	HIMS 202
MRIS 220	Legal and Ethical Aspects in Health Information Management	3	No Equivalent
MRIS 221	Foundations of Reimbursement	3	MEDA 221
MRIS 261	Health Information Technology Review	1	HIMS 290
MRIS 293	Professional Practice 1	6	HIMS 255
MRIS 402	Health Information Management Principles	3	No Equivalent
MRIS 461	Health Information Management Review	1	No Equivalent
MRIS 493	Professional Practice 2	10	No Equivalent

Professional Support Courses

17 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISYS 105	Introduction to Microcomputer Systems and Software	3	ISYS 110
COHP 300	Health Informatics	3	No Equivalent
HCSA 310	Health Care Finance 2	3	No Equivalent
HCSA 336	Health Care Supervisory Practices	3	No Equivalent
MRIS 345	Health Information Technology and Health Information	1	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
	Management Internship Orientation		
HSCA 474	Health Care Strategic Application	4	No Equivalent

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- Complete all course requirements necessary to complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Health Information Technology program at Ferris State University or related Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.
- 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

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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.