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## NURSING - RN TO MSN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND TRANSFER GUIDE FOR WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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**Ferris Program:** Nursing - RN to MSN

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

**Ferris College:** College of Health Professions

**Transfer School:** Wayne County Community College District

**Consortium Eligible:** Yes

**Articulation Agreement:** Yes

**Total Credits Required:** 157-158

**Catalog Year:** 2024-2025

The effective dates for this articulation agreement are under revision.

### 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	SPH 100 or SPH 101 or No Equivalent
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 119
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 120
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 or 4	No Equivalent or MAT 111 or MAT 113 or No Equivalent or No Equivalent

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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	BIO 295
BIOL 251 and BIOL 252	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	8	BIO 240 and BIO 250

## 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

## RN TO BSN COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 81 Credits Required

### College of Health Professions (COHP) Core Curriculum

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

\*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COHP 100	Orientation to Medical Vocabulary	1	ALH 110
COHP 101	The United States Health Care System	3	No Equivalent
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	No Equivalent
COHP 350 or (Sub *STQM 260)	Statistics in Health Care or (Sub Introduction to Statistics)	3	No Equivalent or BUS 221 or MAT 131

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent

## Major Courses for RN to BSN Bridgework

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	Varies

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## Electives (Consult Advisor)

5 Credits Required. In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree, a student must have a minimum of 120 credits and 40 credits of 300-level or higher courses must be earned. 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.

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

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING REQUIREMENTS – 37 Credits Required

### Nursing (NURS) Core Curriculum

18 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 501	Introduction to Advanced Nursing Roles	3	No Equivalent
NURS 511	Organizational and Systems Leadership	3	No Equivalent
NURS 521	Health Care Systems, Policy and Advocacy	3	No Equivalent
NURS 531	Critique of Evidence for Practice	3	No Equivalent
NURS 541	Quality Improvement and Safety	3	No Equivalent
NURS 551	Clinical Prevention and Population Health	3	No Equivalent

### Integration of Knowledge

10 Credits Required. Prior to enrolling in NURS 711 and 712, students must have taken all courses within the Nursing Core section, as well as taken all of the courses within their chosen concentration; see the Concentration section.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 711	Clinical Practicum Preparation 1	2	No Equivalent
NURS 712	Clinical Practicum Preparation 2	2	No Equivalent
NURS 791	Clinical Practicum 1	3	No Equivalent
NURS 792	Clinical Practicum 2	3	No Equivalent

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## Electives (Consult Advisor)

Two electives are available as elective courses, but not required for completion of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. NURS 502 is a writing course for students who may want to improve skills in this area and prepare for publication in the future. NURS 602 is a statistics course intended to prepare students who may be planning to continue on for a doctoral degree, as a statistics course is often a requirement to enter these programs.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 502	Scholarly Writing in Healthcare	3	No Equivalent
NURS 602	Statistics for Nursing Science	3	No Equivalent

## CONCENTRATION – 9 Credits Required (Advisor Approval)

Choose One Concentration

### Nursing Education Concentration (NEDU)

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 601	Curriculum Design in Nursing Education	3	No Equivalent
NURS 611	Teaching Methods in Nursing Education	3	No Equivalent
NURS 621	Advanced Physical Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacotherapeutics	3	No Equivalent

### Nursing Administration Concentration (NADM)

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 631	Leadership Role for Nurse Administrators	3	No Equivalent
NURS 651	Leadership in Resource Management	3	No Equivalent
NURS 825	Healthcare Program Development	3	No Equivalent

### Nursing Informatics Concentration (NINF)

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 641	Leadership Role for Informatics Nurse Specialist	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
NURS 671	Data Management and Analytics	3	No Equivalent
NURS 820	Informatics for Leadership	3	No Equivalent

## 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.

## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Ferris Statewide - Wayne County Community College District  
(586) 445-7150  
[FerrisSE@Ferris.edu](mailto:FerrisSE@Ferris.edu)

Ferris Online  
(231) 591-2340  
[Online@Ferris.edu](mailto:Online@Ferris.edu)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### New Student Admission Requirements

- Completed application for admission.
- Hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree with an overall GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale).
- Hold licensure as a Registered Nurse; Michigan licensure or eligibility.
- Have clinical nursing experience; recommended two (2) years of experience.
- Submit official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended. Ferris graduates need not submit transcripts for coursework completed at Ferris.
- Submit a current, professional resume or curriculum vitae.
- Submit a 1-2-page letter of intent stating your professional goals and how the MSN program can assist you in meeting your goals. RN to MSN candidates may submit their RN to MSN Service-Learning synthesis paper.
- Request two (2) professional references from individuals familiar with academic or professional backgrounds and can provide an assessment of the applicant's current work quality and ability to complete graduate education successfully.
- International students whose first (native) language is not English need to have English proficiency test scores sent directly from the testing agency to demonstrate meeting the Ferris standards for English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo).

Provisional Admission may be granted in cases where selected admission criteria have not been demonstrated. The Graduate Program Coordinator will make recommendations to the Chair of the School of Nursing, whose approval is required. If provisional admission is granted, the student must complete nine (9) semester hours of graduate work with a 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) or clear any deficiencies to qualify for regular admission.

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These requirements also apply to Transfer Students.

## 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](#).

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### 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.

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## 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).

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The original, signed document is kept on file in the Office of Extended and International Operations (EIO). To obtain a copy of the original, signed document, please email [TransferGuidesArticulations@ferris.edu](mailto:TransferGuidesArticulations@ferris.edu).