

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Nursing – RN to BSN Completion

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jackson College (JC)

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

There are many opportunities for nurses with experience and a BSN degree. Traditionally a field that provided a constant number of nursing career opportunities, health care is now growing at an unprecedented rate. The program is for Registered Nurses who were originally prepared at the associate degree or diploma level. Students in the program graduate from various nursing programs across the United States and generally work 30 or more hours per week.

The program prepares students to make evidence-based decisions that improve the quality and safety of the individual as well as the population aggregate. Students with a diploma or associate degree in nursing and a RN license can complete Ferris' Bachelor's degree (RN to BSN) on a part or full time basis. Designed expressly for associate degree and diploma RNs who want to further their educational growth and development.

Communication Competency

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	COM 240 or COM 231 or COM 260	Interpersonal Communications or Communication Fundamentals or Small Group Communication	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 131	Writing Experience I	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 132	Writing Experience II	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Quantitative Literacy – See below or any MATH course higher than MATH 117; Consult Advisor for Exceptions, Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher, or Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 116 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Int. Algebra - Numerical Trig. or Contemporary Math	3 -4	MAT 130 or MAT 131 or No Equivalent or MAT 130	Quantitative Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra or No Equivalent or Quantitative Reasoning	4

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

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
CHEM 103	Preparatory Chemistry	3	CEM 131	Fundamentals of Chemistry	4
BIOL 251 & BIOL 252	Human Anatomy & Human Physiology	6	BIO 253 & BIO 254	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8

Culture Competency – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Culture Electives (Consult Ferris Advisor)	9	Varies	Consult Ferris Advisor (Choose from the following: ENG 249 or HIS 125 or HUM 131 or PHL 243)	9

Self and Society Competency – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SOC 231	Principles of Sociology	3
Varies	Self and Society Elective (Consult Ferris Advisor)	3	Varies	Consult Ferris Advisor (Choose from the following: ANT 131 or COM 250 or HIS 211 or PLS 262 or PSY 152)	3

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses or may visit www.ferris.edu/gened.

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
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute

College Requirements – 81 Credits Required**College of Health Professions 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.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 100	Orientation to Medical Vocabulary	1	Varies	JC Nursing Coursework	1
COHP 101	The U.S. Health Care System	3	Varies	JC Nursing Coursework	3
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	Varies	JC Nursing Coursework	1
COHP 350	Statistics in Health Care	3	*MAT 133	Introduction to Probability & Statistics	4
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

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

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
NURS AAS	ADN or Diploma RN Program	40	Varies	JC Nursing Coursework	40
NURS 320	RN to BSN Skills Acquisition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 324	Transition into Professional Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 310	Population Based Health Promotion	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 340	Community Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 440	Leadership in Nursing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
NURS 495	Senior Capstone Leadership Practicum	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
COHP 300 or NURS 300 or NURS 314 or NURS 315 or NURS 316 or NURS 317 or NURS 319 or Elective	Health Informatics or Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice or Gerontological Nursing or End of Life Nursing Care or Transcultural Nursing or Spirituality in Nursing Care or Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness or Advisor Approved Elective	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Electives – 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.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	JC Equiv.	JC Course Title	JC Cr. Hrs.
Electives	Electives to bring total hours to 120	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies

Total Credits Required for Degree	120 - 121
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To fulfill the residency requirement for a bachelor's degree a student must earn a minimum of 30 credits from Ferris State University.

Program Contact Information:**Main Campus, Big Rapids**

College of Health Professions – School of Nursing

(231) 591-2270 | chp@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/health-professions**Program Delivery Location and Contact Information:****Ferris Statewide – Online**(231) 591-2340 | online@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/online | [Financial Aid Consortium Eligible](#)

Select courses may be delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at an off-campus location).

General Admission CriteriaNew Student Admission Requirements for incoming freshman refer to the Ferris Catalog www.ferris.edu/catalog**Transfer Students**

- 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 and their Registered Nursing (RN) license

Transfer Students - Concurrent Admissions Option

(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.

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Effective October 15, 2022 – October 15, 2025

Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit ferris.edu/non-discrimination.

Programmatic Requirements

- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all College of Health Professions (COHP) course, all Communication (COMM) courses, all English (ENGL) courses and all Nursing (NURS) courses. Two unsuccessful, grade of less than C, attempts in any Nursing (NURS) course will result in dismissal from the nursing program.
- Completed Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Registered Nursing (RN) license.

Steps to Apply

- Complete a free application at www.ferris.edu/apply.
 - Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to transfer@ferris.edu or
 - Ferris State University Admissions Office, 1201 S. State St, CSS 201, Big Rapids, MI 49307
- Submit Test Scores (if required)
 - ACT Scores; go to www.act.org. Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to www.collegeboard.org. 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 course work 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 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 at www.ferris.edu/transfer/collegetransfer.

**Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution*

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Ferris has reserve transfer agreements with several Michigan Community College. 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 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.

Disclaimer

Transfer guides are not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change and is aligned to 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 www.ferris.edu/catalog.

Partners may contact the Transfer Services Center with questions or updates at transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu.

Original Signed Articulation Agreement

The original, signed document is kept on file in the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships. To obtain a copy of the original signed document, contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships at transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, Ferris State University and Jackson College agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either institution or any of their employees.

Articulation Agreement

Effective Dates: October 15, 2022 – October 15, 2025

This Agreement shall commence as of October 15, 2022 and shall be for an initial term of three years. Minor updates to the agreement may be made during this time. This agreement may be renewed at the end of three years. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

Signatures

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