

FERRIS FORWARD

Ferris State University (FSU) and Henry Ford College (HFC) have reached a mutual understanding, enabling the institutions to partner and collaboratively serve their students and prepare them to enter a global workforce. Additionally, this partnership will help the institutions prepare students for successful careers, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning. The institutions recognize that working together strengthens their collective efforts more than their individual ones. Both parties have signed this Institutional Transfer Partnership Agreement (Agreement), setting forth their mutual understandings as follows:

1. Any student from HFC who meets the eligibility standards, including but not limited to an associate degree awarded by HFC with at least a 2.00 GPA, will be admitted to FSU at the appropriate level based on their transfer credits or transfer degree attainment.
2. The parties understand that accepting an HFC student into a specific FSU degree program will be based on the student meeting the admissions criteria and considerations applicable to the specific degree program.
3. HFC students will have access to resources and services at any of the five Ferris Student Success Hubs, on the Big Rapids Campus, and online.
4. **Transfer Guides** and/or **Articulation Agreements** will be created and posted to the Ferris website for HFC. The guides and articulation agreements are designed to facilitate seamless transfer for HFC students.
5. Representatives of both institutions agree to communicate regularly regarding transfer guides, articulation agreements, and any required admissions or curriculum changes, including adding or removing courses and other conditions that may affect transfer students.
6. This Agreement does not preclude either institution from making a curriculum change if deemed appropriate by the institution making the change.
7. Ferris participates in statewide transfer initiatives, is a member of MACRAO, participates in the Michigan Transfer Network, and adheres to the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).
8. Appropriate publications and promotional materials regarding this Agreement will be available to HFC students.
9. **Reverse Transfer Agreements**, when in place, will be reviewed and updated every three years. Ferris is committed to creating a streamlined approach to reverse transfer working with our community college partners.
10. Participation in the **Ferris Connections Program**, when in place, will provide HFC students access to dual admission, dual advising, and social and academic integration events on either the Ferris or HFC campus.
11. **Concurrent Admission; Financial Aid.** Federal regulations generally require that students receive financial aid from only a single institution from which courses are taken during a given quarter or semester. Accordingly, advisors should recommend that financial aid recipients take all their courses in a given quarter or semester at either HFC or FSU. If a student attends both HFC and FSU in a single semester, financial aid may be granted from only one institution unless the parties enter into a separate written consortium agreement to allocate and distribute financial aid between HFC and FSU.

12. **FERPA.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and its implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq., HFC and FSU will share data on student achievement to assess program effectiveness.
13. **Term.** This Agreement is in effect from the date signed and will be renewed every five years. Six months prior to renewal, the institutions agree to review this Agreement for any modifications.
14. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either institution upon 180 days' written notice to the other institution. In the event this Agreement should be terminated, all students currently enrolled in the Program shall be allowed to complete the Program as described.
15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts which, when combined, shall constitute the entire agreement.

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Date: 6/16/2025

Term and Renewal Summary

Agreement Date	Review Start Date	Renewal Date
April 1, 2025	November 1, 2029	April 1, 2030