

Career Exploration • Associate in Arts

Why CARE?

You might be coming to college with a major in mind, but you'd like to be sure of your choice. You might have several options for majors and need assistance in sorting them out. You might enter college knowing you want an education, but have no clear career focus. Ferris State University offers you opportunity to explore careers at any stage of the career decision-making process. The Career Exploration program is part of University College and features a career-planning course, faculty advisors, and career testing and counseling.

The Course

CARE 102, Career and Education Planning, is a three-credit hour class that guides you through the career decision-making process. CARE 102 offers you self-evaluation, vocational and educational planning, and the development of decision-making skills. Our faculty help you explore career development as a lifelong process through the use of self-assessment inventories, group discussion, individual projects, and assessments and consultation with Educational and Career counselors.

The Academic Advisor

All CARE students enroll in the Ferris State University Seminar courses - FSUS 100 and 101. The instructor of this weekly seminar is also your advisor, selected from the many faculty and professional staff who specialize in helping to guide students who have not yet selected a program. Academic Advisors can help you define and develop realistic goals, identify special needs, match the student to available resources, monitor progress toward educational and career goals, and discuss linkages between academic preparation and the world of work.

Self-Evaluation Options

Through the Educational and Career Counseling Center, you have the opportunity to complete interest and personality indicators under the guidance of licensed professional counselors. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is one of the most researched and popular personality instruments used to help individuals understand and appreciate personality gifts and differences. The Strong Interest Inventory (SII) is a valid and reliable interest assessment used for career counseling.

Required Courses

	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements	
Communication Competence	9
Scientific Understanding Electives	7
Quantitative Skills	
Cultural Enrichment Electives	9
Social Awareness Electives	9
Additional Cultural Enrichment/ Social Awareness Electives	2
Program	
CARE 102 Career & Education Planning	3
FSUS 100 Ferris State Univ Seminar	1
FSUS 101 Ferris State Univ Seminar 2	1
Directed Electives	



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