

Charlotte Public Schools and Ferris State University Develop a New Collaboration for the 2014/2015 School Year.

Helping students improve their essential academic and college success skills is the primary mission of Ferris State University's Center for College Readiness.

Programs offered through the Center for College Readiness assist students in developing academic and career development skills to prepare them earlier to have a productive and successful academic experience. Through a new collaboration with Charlotte Public Schools, Ferris State University will open their second Woodbridge Promise College Prep Program at Charlotte High School. This partnership will provide and strengthen opportunities for students to become more college ready as they look toward their first year of college. In addition to the academic courses that are offered as a part of this program, the office will also offer staff presentations to high school juniors, seniors and parents to support the college application process and to promote a smoother transition to college.

The Center for College Readiness at Ferris State University has developed a wide array of pre-college programs that permit high school students to experience college-level courses while preparing them for the college experience.

The Center for College Readiness is housed under the Transfer Services Center in Ferris' Retention and Student Success unit. The three primary programs that operate under the office's banner are: CARE 102: Career Exploration and Education Planning, Operation Excel and the Woodbridge Promise College Prep Programs.

Successful students earn college credits and grades at little or no cost to them or their families before they enter the college or community college of their choice thus saving both time and expense.

Students eligible for the Woodbridge Promise College Prep Program can earn credit and establish proficiency in English, mathematics and reading prior to beginning post-secondary work. Students can strengthen their admissions credentials, build the knowledge to improve ACT scores for post-secondary admission and financial aid packages, complete college credits and more.

Students from Charlotte Public Schools, who qualify, are accepted to the Woodbridge Promise College Prep Program and have the opportunity to earn up to 14 college credits during their senior year of high school.

In addition to the new Woodbridge Promise College Prep Program, Charlotte Public Schools will also offer concurrent enrollment courses through Ferris. Concurrent Enrollment courses are actual Ferris State University courses that mirror the same courses taught on any FSU campus. The classes are taught by high school instructors who have been approved by Ferris State faculty. The courses are taught during the normal high school day. Students are registered, assessed, and receive grades on a college transcript in the same manner as students in the same classes on campus. Ferris follows the NACEP model for concurrent enrollment.