

Nursing Student Computing Requirements

The School of Nursing requires all students, except for those enrolled in fully online programs, to have a laptop and use it for specific educational purposes during their program.

Minimum Laptop Specifications

- Intel Core i5 processor 2GHz or better.
- 8 GB RAM minimum. 12 GB recommended.
- 250 GB hard drive minimum. A solid-state drive (SSD) is preferred.
- A wireless network adapter that supports 802.11n or higher.
- Screen resolution of 1024x768 or higher.

Required Software

- Before you arrive on campus, you must have updated your virus protection software and operating system to its latest service pack using Windows Update.
- PCs must have Microsoft Windows 10 Home or better. Windows 10 Professional is recommended.
 - Genuine, U.S.-English versions of Windows Operating Systems.
 - **Important: Windows S edition should not be used.**
- A reputable virus protection software (e.g. Symantec).
- Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome web browsers.
- Current version of **Microsoft Office 2016**. Microsoft Office can be downloaded as part of your Office 365 license.
- As a part of your education, you will be required to install various applications in order to participate in certain required and elective courses. Examples are Java for Blackboard and Adobe Reader to access PDFs, Exemplify for examinations.

Web Camera and Microphone

- A compatible web camera and microphone are required. If the laptop has a built in webcam, a separate one is not required.
- A headset or headphones with a microphone is recommended.

Recommended Warranty Coverage

It is highly recommended you obtain a warranty that will cover your laptop while in your program at the School of Nursing. If an accidental damage warranty is available, it is recommended to add that as well.

What if I Want to Use a Mac?

As long as your computer meets the minimum specifications listed above, you may use it. Software used in certain classes may require you to be able to run Windows. Apple's [Boot Camp](#) software, which lets you run Windows on a Macintosh computer, comes with the latest version of the Macintosh operating system, but a separate copy of Windows 10 is required.

The minimum Macintosh laptop requirements are:

- Intel Core i5 processor or better.

- 8 GB RAM minimum. 12 GB recommended.
- 250 GB hard drive minimum. A solid-state drive (SSD) is preferred.
- A wireless network adapter that supports 802.11n or higher.

Required Macintosh software:

- OS X 10.12 or higher. **OS X 10.11 and earlier versions are NOT compatible.**
- Current version Microsoft Office for Mac. Microsoft Office can be downloaded as part of your Office 365 license.

What if I want to use a tablet?

The only compatible tablet is the Microsoft Surface Pro, with full Windows 10 operating system installed on it.

- **Surface tablets running Windows RT, Android tablets, and iPads (all models) with iOS are NOT compatible.**
- **Chromebooks are NOT compatible.**