

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 Windows Laptop Specifications

- Intel Core i5 processor 2GHz or better.
- 16GB RAM or better.
- 250 GB SSD hard drive or better.
- A wireless network adapter that supports 802.11n or higher.
- Screen resolution of 1280x768 or higher.

Required Software

- Before you arrive on campus, you must update your virus protection software and operating system to its latest service pack using Windows Update.
- PCs must have 64-bit Microsoft Windows 11 (Update 22H2 or later) Home or better. Windows 11 Professional is recommended.
 - Genuine, U.S.-English versions of Windows Operating Systems.
 - **Important: Windows S edition cannot be used.**
 - CPU Processor: Non-ARM processor supported by your operating system.
- A reputable virus protection software (e.g., Windows Defender).
- Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome web browsers.
- Current version of Microsoft Office 365. 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 to participate in certain required and elective courses. Examples are Java for Blackboard and Adobe Reader to access PDFs, and 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?

The minimum Mac laptop requirements are:

- Intel Core i5 or better or Apple M1 or M2 processor

- 16GB RAM or better.
- 250 GB SSD hard drive or better.
- A wireless network adapter that supports 802.11n or higher.
- Screen resolution of 1280x768 or higher.

Required Mac software:

- macOS 11 (Big Sur) or Later – Intel, M1 or M2 - **earlier versions are NOT compatible.**
- Current version of Microsoft Office 365 for Mac. Microsoft Office can be downloaded as part of your Office 365 license.

Software used in certain classes may require you to be able to run Windows. Please keep this in mind when purchasing a laptop.

What if I want to use a tablet?

The only compatible tablet is the Microsoft Surface Pro (or similar Windows tablet) currently ships with Windows 11. The tablet must meet all specifications listed above under Minimum Windows Laptop Specifications.

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