University of South Alabama
College of Nursing

Graduate Technical Requirements Policy

Introduction

All incoming graduate nursing students are required to purchase a computer that conforms to the current college minimum standards by the time classes begin. Below is the 2015-2016 list of minimal computer capabilities necessary for enrollment in the graduate program of nursing at the University of South Alabama, College of Nursing. Students will additionally be required to meet basic software requirements identified below.

Current Computer Requirements

Note that these specifications are subject to be updated periodically, as the capabilities of technology advance, so students should review these specifications just prior to entry into the graduate nursing program.

The minimum 2015-2016 computer expectations are as follows:

1. **Wireless capabilities:** WiFi (if purchasing a lap top)
2. **Processor:** Only Intel processors
3. **Installed Memory Size:** 2 GB (minimum)
4. **Hard Drive:** 250 GB or larger
5. **Ethernet connection/receptacle**
6. **Built-in or external Web Camera**
7. **Built-in or external Microphone**
8. **No Touch-Screen PCs or lap tops**

**Suggested purchase: headphones with built-in microphone**

**Operating System:** Microsoft Windows 8 or newer version.

**NOTE:** Android, Chrome, Linux, or Apple OSX/iOS are not acceptable alternatives for an operating system.

**PC Support Statement**

Current technologies used by the College of Nursing are not supported by Mac/Apple or Linux based computers. Therefore, a personal computer (PC) based computer running a Microsoft Windows 8 or newer operating system is required. No remedy or support can be provided by the College of Nursing should a student choose to use a computer running an operating system not supported by the above requirements.

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Required Software Statement

In order to maintain consistency across the curriculum, it is necessary to require the use of common software by all faculty and students. This practice helps ensure all students are able to complete required tasks with minimal technical difficulty.

Below are the general requirements that apply to all students in the nursing programs. It should be noted that individual courses or sub-specialties may add to this requirement as necessary.

- Microsoft Office Standard 2010 or newer
- Adobe Acrobat X (version 10) or newer

Internet Connection

A cable modem or DSL connection is required. The use of dial-up or satellite internet service may not provide appropriate speed for the online learning and testing environments.

For questions related to these technology requirements, please email helpdesk@southalabama.edu or call: 251-460-6161