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POLICY TITLE: MINIMAL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students ***must*** have continuous access to a computer and the Internet in order to take full advantage of the instructional delivery opportunities provided by the various nursing programs. As a result of the increasing emphasis on mobility in today's technology marketplace, a laptop is required.

Email Accounts

Each student is provided with an email alias upon enrollment at UH. The alias is an address that does not have a mailbox, but forwards all messages to the student's own personal email account. While a student, the University will send all official correspondence to the UH.EDU address. Students may call UIT Help Desk at 713-743-1411 for assistance with questions regarding UH email.

CougarNet Account

Students will receive an email notification regarding their CougarNet account after enrolling in a class at UH. The CougarNet account and password will be used to log into [Access UH](#), which will allow access to Blackboard and other services provided by the University. Students may call UIT Help Desk at 713-743-1411 with questions regarding CougarNet.

Minimum Recommended Computer and Software Specifications

Students ***must*** have individual and personal access to a computer with Internet connectivity for testing, file management, email, and online course activities. High-speed Internet access is ***strongly*** recommended. It is the students' responsibility to backup data, maintain the laptop, and provide technical servicing for the laptop.

The following hardware and software specifications are required:

Hardware

Windows Based Laptop Specifications	Mac OS Based Laptop Specifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processor: Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 (Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Preferred) Operating System: Windows 10 Memory: 8 GB RAM (16 GB or higher recommended) Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred) Screen Resolution: 1024x768 or higher WIFI 802.11 AC 4-hour battery life CD/DVD-RW optional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processor: Intel Core i5 (Intel Core i7 Preferred) Operating System: Mac OS X (El Capitan or higher) Memory: 8 GB RAM Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred) Screen Resolution: 1024x768 or higher WIFI 802.11 AC 6-hour battery life CD/DVD-RW optional

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<p>Surface Pro, Book, or Laptop Specifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processor: Intel Core i5 (Intel i7 Preferred) • Operating System: Windows 10 • Memory: 8 GB RAM (16 GB RAM Preferred) • Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred) • Screen Resolution: 1920x1080 • WIFI 802.11 AC • 10-hour battery life • Surface Pro Type Cover • USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0 (if no USBs, USB adapter is required) • Webcam • USB Headset with microphone • USB flash drive for backing up files; 8GB or higher • Privacy screen 	

Software

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office 365 (Free to students) • Microsoft 365 Applications (Free; varies by faculty) • Adobe Acrobat Reader Latest Version (Free) • Adobe Flash Player Latest Version (Free) • Examsoft Examplify Testing Software (Downloaded during orientation session) • Windows Media Player 12 or higher (Free) • Antivirus software with current updates • Internet Browser(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Firefox Latest Version (free) WIN/MAC - Safari Latest Version (free) WIN/MAC - Chrome Latest Version (free) WIN/MAC
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