

**POLICY TITLE: MINIMAL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

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**Policy**

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 notebook computer (laptop) or tablet is required.

**Email Accounts**

Three days after admission notification to the University, students are issued UHV email accounts. Students may call 361-570-4888 to set up a password upon receiving the UHV email. A student's email name and password will allow access to UHV email, Webmail, Blackboard platform, and the electronic Library. All formal University communication is conducted through the UHV email account.

**Minimum Recommended Computer and Software Specifications**

Students ***must*** have individual and personal access to a computer with Internet connectivity for file management, email, and online course activities. High-speed Internet access is ***strongly*** recommended if available.

The following hardware and software specifications are recommended:

Hardware	
<b>PC Configuration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Processor: 2 GHz Dual Core processor or higher</li><li>• Operating System: Windows 7 or 8 (recommended) or higher</li><li>• Memory: 2 GB RAM (4 GB or higher recommended)</li><li>• Hard drive: 150 GB or higher</li><li>• DSL, LAN or cable broadband internet (wireless not recommended when taking tests)</li><li>• CD/DVD-RW recommended</li><li>• USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0</li><li>• Sound card with speakers</li><li>• Screen resolution set to 1024x768 or higher</li><li>• Webcam [requires high-speed Internet connection]</li><li>• USB Headset microphone</li><li>• USB Flash drive for data storage/transfer; 1 GB or higher recommended</li></ul>	<b>Mac Configuration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Processor: Intel 1.83 GHz or higher</li><li>• Operating System: Mac OS X - 10.6 or higher</li><li>• Memory: 2 GB RAM (4 GB or higher recommended)</li><li>• Hard drive: 150 GB or higher</li><li>• DSL, LAN or cable broadband internet (wireless not recommended when taking tests)</li><li>• CD/DVD-RW recommended</li><li>• USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0</li><li>• Sound card with speakers</li><li>• Screen resolution set to 1024x768 or higher</li><li>• Webcam [requires high-speed Internet connection]</li><li>• USB Headset microphone</li><li>• USB Flash drive for data storage/transfer; 1 GB or higher recommended</li></ul>

Software

- Microsoft Office Suite 2007 or higher (Office Home or Student 2007 version acceptable with Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 10.x or higher (free)
- Adobe Flash Player 10.3x or higher (free)
- QuickTime Player 7.x or higher (free)
- Windows Media Player 12 or higher (free)
- Java 1.6.x (free)
- Up-to-date anti-virus software (free or paid)
- Up-to-date anti-spyware software (free or paid)
- Compression (zip) utility software (free or paid)
- Internet Browser(s):
  - Internet Explorer 9 or 10 or higher (free) WIN
  - Firefox Final Release Channel (free) WIN/MAC
  - Safari 5.1 or higher (free) MAC
  - Chrome Stable Channel-maintain updates (free) WIN/MAC

Approved by SON Faculty Council, 10/4/2013

Approved by Dean Kathryn Tart

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