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## POLICY TITLE: MINIMAL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

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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 Office 365 account upon enrollment at UH. While a student, the University will send all official correspondence to the Office 365 email address. Students are required to reply from the Office 365 email account. 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 the Learning Management System (LMS) 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 **required**. Students are responsible for the health of their computer. It is the students' responsibility to backup data, maintain the laptop, and provide technical servicing for the laptop. It is highly recommended to purchase a warranty that will provide ample coverage for an extended period of time. Students must also have a smartphone/device that performs functions of a computer, such as internet accessibility and the ability to download applications.

The following hardware and software specifications are required:

#### Hardware

Windows Based Laptop Specifications	Mac OS Based Laptop Specifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processor: Intel Core i5 11<sup>th</sup> Gen or AMD Ryzen 5 6000</li> <li>Operating System: Windows 10 <a href="#">Click for Version</a></li> <li>Memory: 8 GB RAM (16 GB or higher recommended)</li> <li>Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred)</li> <li>Screen Resolution: 1024x768 or higher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processor: Intel Core i5 (M1 Preferred)</li> <li>Operating System: Mac OS X <a href="#">Click for Version</a></li> <li>Memory: 8 GB RAM</li> <li>Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred)</li> <li>Screen Resolution: 1024x768 or higher</li> <li>WIFI</li> <li>6-hour battery life</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIFI</li> <li>• 6-hour battery life</li> <li>• USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0 (If no USBs, USB adapter required)</li> <li>• Webcam</li> <li>• Headset with microphone</li> <li>• USB Flash drive for backing up files; 8 GB or higher</li> <li>• Privacy screen</li> <li>• Warranty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0 (If no USBs, USB adapter required)</li> <li>• Webcam</li> <li>• Headset with microphone</li> <li>• USB Flash drive for backing up files; 8GB or higher</li> <li>• Privacy screen</li> <li>• Warranty</li> </ul>
<p><b>Surface Pro, Book, or Laptop Non-S Specifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processor: Intel Core i5 11<sup>th</sup> Gen (Intel i7 Preferred)</li> <li>• Operating System: Windows 10 <a href="#">Click for Version</a></li> <li>• Memory: 8 GB RAM (16 GB RAM Preferred)</li> <li>• Hard drive: 256 GB SSD (512 GB SSD Preferred)</li> <li>• Screen Resolution: 1920x1080</li> <li>• WIFI</li> <li>• 6-hour battery life</li> <li>• Surface Pro Type Cover</li> <li>• USB port(s); USB 2.0 or 3.0 (if no USBs, USB adapter is required)</li> <li>• Webcam</li> <li>• Headset with microphone</li> <li>• USB flash drive for backing up files; 8GB or higher</li> <li>• Privacy screen</li> <li>• Warranty</li> </ul>	

## Software

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