# College of Nursing

## Graduate Technical Requirements Policy

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 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.

## The minimum computer expectations are as follows:

1. **Wireless capabilities:** Wi-Fi (if purchasing a laptop)
2. **Installed Memory Size:** 4GB (minimum)
3. **Hard Drive:** 250 GB or larger
4. **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows 10 (or newer version) or macOS 12 Monterey (or newer).
   a   Windows RT and Windows 10 S (Silver) are not acceptable alternatives for an operating system.
   b   Android, Chrome, Linux, Apple iOS (Apple's mobile operating system for tablets and phones), or a bootstrapped version of Windows on macOS are not acceptable alternatives for an operating system.
5. Traditional laptops with a touchscreen are acceptable.
   a   Hybrid laptops, 2-in1s, or tablets are not acceptable**
6. Ethernet connection/receptacle (Strongly Recommended)
7. Built-in or external Web Camera
8. Built-in or external Microphone

** Hybrid laptops and 2-in-1s are laptops that function as laptops with keyboards that can be converted into tablets by removing or bending back the keyboard.

**NOTE:**
   -   All specifications are subject to be updated periodically, as the capabilities of technology advance. Students should review these specifications just prior to entry into the graduate nursing program.

## PC Support Statement:

Current technologies used by the College of Nursing are not supported by Apple iOS or Linux based computers. Therefore, a personal computer running Microsoft Windows 10 (or newer) or macOS 10.15 Catalina (or newer) 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.

## 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 graduate 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 2019, 2021 or Office 365
  - University of South Alabama students can obtain a free version of Office 365 from the South Alabama website by signing up with their school email. Just follow this link to get started: https://www.southalabama.edu/msoffice
- Adobe Acrobat Reader DC
  - Download instructions can be provided upon request.

## Internet Connection:

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

**Suggested purchase:** Headphones with built-in microphone.

For questions related to these technology requirements, please email
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