Laptop recommendations for College of Nursing students

These recommendations are intended to help you select a computer that will be compatible with current and near-future software and be usable for the next 2-4 years.

Hardware:

- Processor: 2 GHz or faster
- RAM: 4 GB (8 GB or more preferred)
- Hard Drive Size: 128 GB or more
- USB port or adapter for USB access
- IEEE 801.11ac (preferred) or IEEE 801.11n wireless network card
- Headset with microphone (for synchronous online classes)

Operating System:

- Windows 10 (recommended) or Windows 7
- MacOS Version 10.10 and above

Network (off-campus):

- 10 Mbps down, 5 Mbps up

You should have the ability to connect wirelessly to the UT network and have Administrator level privileges on your computer.

Please note: Chromebooks and devices running mobile operating systems (tablets* – including iPad and iPad Pro, smartphones and some laptops) are not suitable as primary computers for College of Nursing coursework and exams and do NOT meet these recommendations. Windows RT and Windows 10 S are also not supported.

*Microsoft Surface Pros with an external keyboard and the same or better hardware specifications listed above DO meet these recommendations.

To find your PC’s basic specs, right-click Computer (Win 7) or This PC (Win 10) and then click Properties. From there you can view your System information.

To find your Mac’s basic specs, click the Apple icon in the top left corner of your screen. From the drop-down menu, click About This Mac to open the System Information window.

If you have questions as to whether your current laptop computer meets these specifications and you are unable to find them using the instructions above, please contact OIT at 865-974-9900 for assistance in finding your computer’s specifications.

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