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 used for coursework at the College of Nursing.

Hardware:

- Processor: CPU equivalent to Intel i3, 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
- Webcam and microphone

Operating System:

- Windows 10 – not Windows 10 S or RT (+)
- MacOS Versions 10.14 thru 11.0 (Mojave, Catalina, and Big Sur)

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.

*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 This PC 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.