

Department of Nursing Technology Requirements

The schedule and tasks of a college student frequently require multi-tasking with lots of windows open and may require taking online tests. Netbooks, tablets, and eReaders are not suited for this. Consider netbooks, tablets, or eReaders as note-taking, reading, media consumption, or email devices not a primary computing device.

Therefore, all nursing majors are required to have a laptop that meets the minimum requirements listed below, in addition to any University requirements.

PCs Must Meet the Following Minimum Criteria

- Operating System: Windows 10
- Processor: Core i5 (8th generation)
- Memory: 8GB RAM
- Storage capacity: 500GB hard drive (solid state drive)
- Integrated webcam or external webcam

Mac OSX Computers Must Meet the Following Minimum Criteria

- Operating System: Mac OS 10.13 High Sierra or newer
- Processor: Core i5
- Memory: 8GB RAM
- Storage capacity: 256GB hard drive (solid state drive)
- Integrated webcam or external webcam

Software Recommendations

- Microsoft Office: 2019 for Windows / 2016 for Mac (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Access, Outlook and Publisher. If you are not familiar with PowerPoint or Word, you should develop some familiarity with these tools, as they are expectations for various nursing courses and can further assist you in your professional endeavors).
- Students can buy their own copy of the full version of Office for \$40 at ThinkEDU.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader is available as a free download.
- Individual courses for all majors may require additional software specific to the course.

Web Browsers

- For Bradley Email functions the University recommends using Google Chrome
- For Nursing ATI standardized testing, ATI recommends Mozilla Firefox

If you desire to purchase a new computer (Mac or PC) please feel free to contact the Campus Computer Sales to compare software and hardware pricing. Before purchasing a security suite or security software package that contains antivirus and/or firewall and spam filtering, please be aware that Bradley University offers some tools to students and employees free of charge via the Help Desk. For all hardware and purchases, see the link provided below:

<https://www.bradley.edu/sites/it/help/servicedesk/student-laptop/>