College of Nursing

Undergraduate Technical Requirements Policy

All undergraduate 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 the enrollment in the ungraduate 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
2. **Installed Memory Size (RAM):** 4GB (Minimum)
3. **Hard Drive:** 250GB or larger
4. **Processor:** Intel core i3, i5, or i7 | Apple M1 & M2 Processors
    a. **Note:** Brand new processors take a few months to be supported. So if you buy a new laptop around September or October of any year, make sure it does not have the newest processor, as it may not be supported yet.
    b. **Note:** 12th Gen Intel i3 mobile processors under the N series are not currently supported by ExamSoft. This may not be listed on the label at a store or on a website, but if you have issues and it is determined you have one of these processers, then there will not be anything we can do.
5. **Screen Size:** Between 11" and 15"
6. **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows 10 (or newer) and macOS 12 Monterey (or newer).
    a. Windows 8/8.1, Windows RT and Windows S (silver) are **not** supported.
    b. Android, Chrome, Linux, Apple iOS (Apple's mobile operating system for tablets and phones), or a bootstrapped version of Windows on OSX are **not** acceptable alternatives for an operating system
    c. We **do not** allow the use of iPads or any other tablet running a mobile operating system.
7. Traditional laptops with a touch screen are acceptable
8. Built-in or external web camera
9. Built-in or external microphone

NOTE: These specifications are subject to be updated periodically, as the capabilities of technology advance. Students should review these specifications just prior to entry into the ungraduated 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 a 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 traditional and accelerated students in the nursing programs. It should be noted that individual courses or sub-specialties may add to this requirement as necessary.

- *Examplify* by Examsoft (will be purchased through University Bookstore package)
    - *Examplify System Requirements*
- ATI Nursing Education (will be purchased through University Bookstore package)
- Elsevier ebook software (will be purchased through University Bookstore package)
- Microsoft Office Standard 2016, 2019, 2021 or Office 365, which is available for download on University Website for all current students at https://www.southalabama.edu/msoffice

For questions related to these technology requirements, please email calebhoward@southalabama.edu