

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 enrollment in the undergraduate 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):** 8GB (Minimum)
3. **Hard Drive/Solid State Drive:** 250GB or larger
4. **Supported Processors:** Intel core i3, i5, i7 or Ultra 3, Ultra 5, Ultra 7 | Apple M1, M2, M3, or M4 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 latest processor, as it may not be supported by our testing software yet.
 - b. **Note:** If you get an Intel Processor that is not an i3, i5 or i7 processor you may experience performance issues. Processors such as the Pentium or Celeron line are inferior mobile processors and will not perform well with the required testing software.
 - c. **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 processors, then there will not be anything we can do.
 - d. **Note:** ARM and Snapdragon processors are not supported. These are mobile processors that typically come installed on hybrid machines such as the Microsoft Surface tablets. Please confirm your laptop or hybrid's processor model before purchasing.
5. **Screen Size:** Between 11" and 15"
6. **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows 11 (or newer) and macOS 13 Ventura (or newer).
 - a. Windows 10, 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 for exam taking.
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, Linux, or Chrome based computers. Therefore, a personal computer running a Microsoft Windows 11 (or newer) or macOS 13 Ventura (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.

- *Exemplify* by Examssoft (will be purchased through University Bookstore package)
 - [*Exemplify System Requirements*](#)
- ATI Nursing Education (will be purchased through the University Bookstore package)
- Elsevier ebook software (will be purchased through the University Bookstore package)
- Microsoft Office Standard 2021, 2024 or Office 365, which is available for download on the University Website for all current students at <https://www.southalabama.edu/msoffice>

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