

Computer Requirements for Nursing Students

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For students attending the School of Nursing, in Academic Year 2020-2021, the following laptop computer policy will apply.

You are required to bring a laptop to nursing courses for electronic testing. Faculty use Examsoft for testing as well as Honorlock, an on-demand proctoring tool that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to ensure academic integrity whether testing is done in class or remotely. However, the software is not compatible with an iPad, Chromebook or any other tablet devices. Please review the Computer Requirements and FAQ questions below.

If you need assistance configuring your laptop, you can contact the HEC Support team by joining their Zoom room: <https://cwru.zoom.us/my/hecsupport> For questions, please contact the HEC Support Team via email: hecsupport@case.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the minimum recommended specifications for a laptop?

A: We strongly recommend that you purchase a computer that will perform adequately as a tool for your entire program of education. With that in mind, the following minimum specifications will help you to acquire a laptop that will meet or exceed your needs.

Hardware	Comment
6th Gen core i5 or i7 processor	One that will last for your college nursing career
• 8GB RAM or more	8GB is the minimum that a student should consider.
• 1TB standard drive or 256 GB minimum or 512 GB HD or larger (SSD strongly recommended)	Solid State Drives (SSD) are an amazing performance boost, far more of a return on investment, so they are highly recommended.
• Screen resolution 1024 x 768 or better	
• Wireless 802.11ac or better	AC wireless will afford you the greatest likelihood of always being able to connect to wireless internet service on campus.
• Gigabit Ethernet built-in or with adapter	Useful when on campus

• Screen 13" or larger	A smaller screen will make taking exams a challenge as you will have to scroll up and down a lot more.
Camera	Either built into the laptop or an external webcam
• 4 hour or better battery life	Battery life does go down over time, so 4 hours is recommended
• Windows 10 (not home edition) or newer	Earlier versions of Windows have reached End Of Service Life with Microsoft
• MacOS 10.12 or newer	Earlier versions of Mac OS will reach End Of Service Life with Apple

Q: Besides a laptop, what other items are recommended?

- A:** Backpack carrying case
 Built-in Ethernet port or Ethernet adapter
 1TB External hard drive
 Wireless optical mouse
 Security cable (except for Retina Display Macs)
 Accidental Damage insurance/warranty

Q: What are the differences between Windows and AppleOS laptops concerning my work at school and studies?

A: There are a number of differences, which are mostly inconveniences. Some lectures that were recorded and made available via the LMS (Canvas) may not be compatible with Macs.

Q: Can I buy a laptop through Case?

A: If you want to purchase a Dell or Apple laptop through the university, you may do so here:

<https://case.edu/utech/resources/estore>

Q: Does CWRU give us access to software, such as Microsoft Office, Anti-virus, etc. (in order to obtain the software, you must have a Case User id):

A: Yes, the University has a Software Center that you can access.
<https://case.edu/utech/help/knowledge-base/software-center>

For more information see: <https://case.edu/utech/new-to-cwru/equipment-and-software> (Note: The University mentions Chromebooks as an option, please note: they will not work for your coursework in the School of Nursing.)