Student Laptop/Tablet Requirement
for BSN Program

Policy Statement

Beginning fall 2018, each student admitted to the George Washington University BSN program are expected to own and have ready access to a laptop or tablet with basic productivity software for classroom use.

Reason for Policy

In order to successfully complete course requirements, students will need to have access to basic computer software. The George Washington University BSN program uses Respondus Lockdown Browser for exams. This system is used to ensure exam integrity.

Who is Governed by this Policy

All students admitted to the BSN program at the GW School of Nursing.

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Policy

All George Washington BSN students must own or have ready access to a laptop or tablet with the following technology specifications:

Operating Systems

- PC: Windows 10, 8, 7
- Mac: OS X 10.10 or higher
- iPad: iOS: 10.3+. Must have a compatible LMS integration for LockDown Browser. Details.
- Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10
- Intel Core i5, i7 processor
- 8GB of memory
- 128GB+ hard drive
- Webcam and microphone

GW recommends Windows/Intel based laptop computers to ensure full compatibility with internal systems and applications and to complete assignments. While Apple Mac computers may work for some operations, there may be instances where a Mac will not be compatible.

For additional information visit: online.gwu.edu/technical-requirements-and-support.

Software

Students are expected to use Microsoft Office (including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel) for their academic coursework. Microsoft Office Professional Plus 365 is available at no cost to all current GW students. For more information visit: it.gwu.edu/office365.

Students should secure their device with Symantec (Anti-Virus), which is provided at no cost to current students that download it with their NetID at it.gwu.edu/software-downloads.
For additional software requirements, please visit: it.gwu.edu/student-technology-guide and nursing.gwu.edu/resources.

Backup and Storage

Students are expected to save and keep a copy of their own academic coursework. GW is not responsible for backing up, archiving or providing students with copies.

Definitions

Other Devices

There are a number of portable devices on the market which may be convenient for student to use (iPads, eReaders, smartphones, etc.). GW encourages innovation and the use of these devices where possible. However, students may experience frustration trying to use these devices to complete assigned coursework, so the expectation is that students have access to a fully-functional device running a full featured operating system (Windows or Mac OS). GW may consider alternative devices to meet this requirement in the future, as devices mature and software and content providers begin to offer solutions on different platforms.

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