**Computer Requirements for
On-Site and Distance Education Programs**
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All nursing students, both onsite and distance, will have selected courses, many of which are available primarily by computer. Each student entering the School, both onsite and distance, **must** have access to a **Windows-based** or **Macintosh-based** computer which they are responsible to maintain. The following is a detailed description of the computer hardware, software and data communication requirements. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these requirements to assure that your computer system fully meets them.

Requirements

o A computer purchased within the last 2 years will generally meet the minimum computer hardware requirements.

o Microsoft Windows version 7 or higher, or Mac OS X 10.10 or higher.

o MS Word and PowerPoint are required; current version MS Office 2013, 2016 or Office 365 recommended. *

o Internet browsers:
   o Chrome v.40 or higher
   o Internet Explorer 11
   o Microsoft Edge
   o Safari 8 or higher

o Latest Version of Adobe Acrobat Reader and Adobe Flash player are required. (Upgrade can be downloaded free from Adobe Website).

Recommendations

o Virus scanning software is highly recommended. *

* Current versions of MS Office and Symantec anti-virus may be available free from Campus. Since the School of Nursing does not administer these offerings they are subject to change. Registered students can obtain more information about these offers from the Stony Brook University Division of Information Technology website

It is strongly recommended that students use a computer dedicated for their own use rather than sharing a computer with others when completing the Distance Education Program. Students are required to maintain their computer hardware and operating systems in proper functioning order.

Please call Tech Support (631) 444-7505 or email tech_help@notes2.nursing.sunysb.edu if you have any questions or need any additional information.