USD Nursing Laptop Requirement (Effective Fall 2015 admission – updated for Spring 2019)

Every student is required to own and maintain a laptop while enrolled in the nursing program at the USD Department of Nursing. Every student must also have access to a printer and scanner. Every class day requires use of a personal laptop. Students must download and utilize online materials that require significant computer memory, hardware and software. All exams are taken on a secured classroom network and again require significant hardware and software requirements.

Students have the option of purchasing one of the following:

> **Purchasing Option 1**) A *business class* type of laptop is recommended by USD Department of Nursing. Previously several Fujitsu and HP models were recommended at varying prices; currently Lenovo and HP Laptops are recommended. A link is provided to view each laptop, learn more about its capabilities, find out the prices of each model, and then purchase the laptop. All recommended laptops in this link are equipped with the recommended hardware and run the required software, etc. Maintenance, warranties, and IT Tech support will be provided at a high level for these selected models (See below table and link).
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> **Purchasing Option 2**) A *personal consumer* model laptop from the store of personal choice. Students who choose this option would be required to make sure all required hardware requirements are met in order to run the required software and make sure the software is loaded onto the laptop prior to the program starting. The student will be responsible for all maintenance, repairs, etc. These students will have very limited (if any) IT support available and will be responsible to have a back-up plan should his/her laptop not function correctly during an exam. All Apple laptops are strongly discouraged due to significant incompatibilities with required software resources and network servers. (See below table).

Purchasing Option 1: Go to link: http://www.usd.edu/technology/student-laptop-information under section A   (Academic Program Laptops) you will see the nursing section with a link to Lenovo and HP. Click on these links and you will see your options for computer purchases.

Purchasing Option 2: **Minimum Computer Hardware Specifications**

Intel i5 Processor or greater
4GB RAM or greater
256 GB or greater hard drive storage is preferred

Screen Size: 12" or bigger with resolution of at least 1024 x 768
100 MB/1 GB NIC and 802.11 b/g/n Wireless Network Card
Operating System: Windows 7 Pro or better (32 or 64 Bit)

*Note: Apple Computers are not supported and may not be compatible with software, systems or resources utilized at the school.

Support for the option 1 and option 2:

✔ On-site Technician, ✚ Help Desk (Only located on the Vermillion campus in ID Weeks Library Room 104). The Help Desk can also be reached via phone: Toll Free: 877-225-0027 or Phone: 605-658-6000. Submit requests online at http://www.usd.edu/ithelp or email Helpdesk@usd.edu ** Loaner computers are subject to availability and models may vary. Availability of loaners will depend on the participation.

Support Provided	New for Spring 2017	Previous Support		
	Lenovo & HP recommended laptops	Fujitsu recommended laptops	HP recommended laptops	Non recommended windows laptops
Network connectivity	✔	✔	✔	✔
Virus / Malicious Software Removal	✔	✔	✔	✚
Reloading your operating system	✔	✔	✔	⛔
Warranty hardware issues	✔	✔	✔	⛔
Software installation	✔	✔	✔	⛔
Loaner Computers **	✔	✔	⛔	⛔
Additional Benefits	Lenovo & HP Recommended Laptops	Fujitsu Recommended Laptops	HP Recommended Laptops	Non Recommended Windows Laptops
Computer support during test	✔	✔	✔	⛔
Office 365 through USD	✔	✔	✔	✔
Accidental Warranty support	✔	✔	✔	⛔
All computers have the same software	✔	✔	✔	⛔
Vendor provided orientation	✔	✔	⛔	⛔
Technician dedicated to support the Nursing student computer issues	✔	✔	✔	⛔