



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF NURSING
at St Joseph's Hospital Health Center
Syracuse, New York

SJCON: PERSONAL LAPTOP & MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS POLICY

PURPOSE:

All students are required to own or have access to a laptop capable of meeting the minimum system specifications outlined in this document. Minimum software requirements include, but are not limited to, the applications used for electronic testing, completing clinical paperwork, and accessing course content.

Electronic testing is facilitated on campus through your personal device and you will be required to bring a laptop capable of running the testing software for all exams unless otherwise granted an exception. Laptops will not be provided by the College and the College is not obligated to ensure you have a laptop for testing; this responsibility falls upon the student. The College will offer technical support and troubleshooting for all students prior to and during testing provided the device meets the minimum specifications.

This document is also designed to serve as a guide for purchasing or upgrading a laptop to meet the system requirements necessary to use and access the resources at the College. If you are purchasing a new laptop these guidelines can be used to ensure you have everything you need to meet the requirements. If you already have a device, you can use these guidelines to determine if you will need an upgrade or additional software.

Helpful Tips:

- Your *Operating System* is often overlooked. Make sure you find one that works for you.
- Most modern systems will meet the minimum requirements. However, Androids, iPads and Chromebooks are not licensed to, or will not run the software Exemplify.
- Adobe Reader® is a document viewer used to access a file type known as PDF. By default most systems come with their own PDF viewer and there are a number of programs out there that imitate it. However, you **MUST** download and exclusively use Adobe Reader®. Other imitations will **NOT** work and you will lose your work upon saving. Don't learn the hard way!

Common Brands: HP, Dell, Apple, Lenovo, etc.

Incompatible System Specifications (DO NOT PURCHASE)

- **Chromebook:** Chromebook/Chrome OS. Chromebooks are **NOT** compatible with the testing software. Although they may be sufficient for accessing content, you will not be able to take an exam with a Chromebook.
- **Microsoft Surface Book:** Exemplify is not compatible with the detachable keyboards of Microsoft Surface Books. Surface Pro models are approved.

MINIMUM COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

- High-Speed Internet Access (Cable, Verizon FIOS)*
- Operating System: Windows 10, MAC OS 10.11 or higher (El Capitan)
- 4 GB RAM Memory
- 100 Gigabytes of Available Hard Drive Space
- Anti-Virus Software, w/ Current Virus Definitions. (ex. Avast, Sophos, etc.)
- One of the Following Web Browsers: Google Chrome 77 or higher, Safari 12 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 70 or higher.
- Adobe Reader X or higher
- Web Camera and Microphone (most laptops have this built in, external devices are approved as well)
- Microsoft Office / Office 365
- Supportive Software: Exemplify, Microsoft Silverlight

**Wireless access points (Wi-Fi) are provided by the College of Nursing on campus*