College of Allied Health Sciences
2024 Laptop Policy and Requirements for All Programs

The CAHS programs have instructional and communication objectives and strategies that determine student laptop computer requirements. The ability to access internet - based resources during classroom educational activities is an invaluable resource for meeting objectives and achieving curriculum outcomes.

The CAHS recognizes that basic and advanced health education, continuing education, and lifelong learning requires students to embrace and effectively use computer technology. Examples of how student laptop computers are used include presenting educational content, encouraging student collaboration, and assessing student understandings and progress.

Specific Uses May Include:

- Online Testing
- Patient Simulation
- Small Group Problem Based Learning
- Online Course Delivery System
- Viewing Captured Lecture and Electronic Reference Resources
- Program Certification Preparation
- Integrated Learning System

Expected Competencies Include:

- Use software and hardware for word processing, presentation design, and electronic journal retrieval. Access and use web browsers, internet search engines, varied web plug-ins (Adobe Acrobat, Real Player, Shockwave), web-based library resources, and on- line databases.
- Access to the internet for web enhanced and web based courses.
- Send and receive e-mail, send and receive electronic documents, open and attach documents to e-mail.
- Participate in on-line course delivery via the learning management system (LMS).
- Participate in on-line web conferencing.
- Take assessment using an online testing system.

- Update virus protection and operating system updates each week.
- Ability to print required documents.

Minimum Requirements for Examplify 3.3.2 and 3.4.2

The requirement assures that all student computers meet certain minimum technical requirements. This consistency simplifies troubleshooting and support and assures a level playing field for all students in the program. Upon matriculation, all Allied Health Sciences students must have a laptop computer system, PC or MAC and accessories that meet the following current Augusta University requirements. Note: if a student has repeated problems on a computer that does not meet minimum specifications, CAHS will request that the student purchase a computer that is in line with these requirements. The computer specifications listed below are a minimum requirement for participation in the Augusta University College of Allied Health Sciences. Some programs within the college may have additional specifications. Please refer to your specific program for additional recommendations.

	PC Requirements	Mac Requirements
Operating System	Windows 10 22H2 Windows 11 22H2 Windows 11 23H2 Note: Only 'pro' versions of the Microsoft Surface tablets are compatible with Examplify.	MacOS: 12 (Monterey) MacOS: 13 (Ventura) MacOS: 14 (Sonoma)
Processor Speed	i3, i5, i7	i3, i5, i7, M1-M3 Processor
Monitor	13 inch screen or larger recommended. Resolution must be 1024x768 or higher	13 inch screen or larger recommended. Resolution must be 1024x768 or higher
Memory	**Required:** 4GB RAM **Recommended:** 8 GB+ RAM	**Required:** 4GB RAM **Recommended:** 8 GB+ RAM
Hard Drive	250 GB+	250 GB +
Network	Ethernet and Wireless 802.11g Note: some newer laptops do not have Ethernet ports, an adaptor is necessary if not. Working USB Port	Ethernet and Wireless 802.11g Note: some newer laptops do not have Ethernet ports, but an adaptor is necessary if not. Working USB Port

Other equipment*	Web Cam (built in or USB)	Web Cam (built in or USB)
	5 ft Cat5e or Cat6 Ethernet data cable	5 ft Cat5e or Cat6 Ethernet data cable
	Privacy Screen	Privacy Screen
	Administrator level accounts are required for testing in Examplify	Administrator level accounts are required for testing in Examplify

*For Students wishing to to purchase a Mac, **macBook Pro**s and **macBook Air**s are recommended.

Please note: CAHS does **NOT** support IPAD usage for Examsoft
If you already own a macBook, an ethernet adapter that also passes power over USB-C will be required. MacBooks are not recommended

  * Network cables and privacy screens can be purchased locally or online at office supply stores. Please check with your program to see if these are required. *

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Questions?

Augusta University IT is happy to provide guidance on technology purchases. If you have questions, please call 721-4000 and ask that the ticket be placed with Health Sciences Technology Services. Someone from our team will be contacting you to assist.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for maintaining their personal laptop computer software and hardware. Hardware or software failure will not excuse students from course responsibilities. Students are responsible for all software installs and updates required for course management and network connectivity.

An IT Checklist will be provided to all students. Students are responsible for completing the checklist before arriving on campus. Students can receive troubleshooting from the walk-up help desk for the following:

- Download and installation of ExamSoft software
- Configuration of secure wireless
- Download and install Office 365 for Students

Individual coursework may require additional specialized software. In this case, faculty members will ensure the software requirements are clearly delineated in the course syllabus. Students are then responsible for acquiring the specialized software necessary to complete specific course requirements.

General Assistance

- Augusta University Help 24 x 7 General Assistance by phone at 706-721-4000
- Walk-up Student Help Desk Monday – Friday General assistance in the lobbies of the EdCommons building, Greenblatt Library and the Health Sciences Building Lobby.

Live vendor support is also available for

- **ExamSoft** by phone at 1-866-429-8889

- **D2L** 24 x 7 by phone 1-855-772-0423