Technology Requirements, Recommendations and Support

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All students entering The Christ College are required to possess a Windows or Mac based laptop that complies with the technical requirements identified below. Laptops unable to meet hardware and software requirements are not acceptable for use.

Chromebooks, tablets, virtual machines, smartphones, and public computers will **not** suffice.

No student will be denied admission to The Christ College based on an inability to purchase a laptop. Financial aid funding may be available to assist students with their computer purchases. If you believe access to technology may be a barrier to your success, please contact your Academic Advisor for more information.

Hardware and Software Requirements

- **Windows Processor:** Intel I-series (No AMD processors)
- **Mac Processor:** CPU: Intel, M1, or M2 processor. Devices using Apple's M1 and M2 processor and Apple Rosetta 2 are supported.
- **RAM:** Minimum 4GB; 8 GB preferred or higher
- **Hard Drive:** Minimum 120 GB Hard Drive
- **Windows Operating System:** 64-bit versions of Windows 10 and Windows 11. (Windows RT and Windows S mode are NOT supported)
- **Mac Operating System:** Monterey, Ventura, Sonoma
- **Sound/Video Recording:** Working webcam, speakers and headphones are required. Additional course-specific technology requirements can be found in course syllabi.
- **Screen:** Screen resolution should be 1280 x 768 or better.
- **Microsoft Office:** Microsoft Office is required. If you are unable to purchase a local install of Microsoft Office, contact your Academic Advisor.
- **Wireless Network, On Campus:** When on campus, students have access to the Wi-Fi networks CON_Student (public) and TCH-Workforce (requires college credentials).
- **High-Speed Internet Connection Required** for course work off campus.
- **Virus/Malware Protection:** Students are **required** to have current antivirus protection installed and running on their laptops.
    - For Windows users Windows Defender Antivirus is already installed. If you feel you need something more robust Sophos is an alternative.
    - For Mac users, Sophos is a highly regarded free antivirus program.
    - For malware concerns Malwarebytes is recommended for Windows and Mac users. It does not run in the background, so a scan should be initiated on a regular basis (e.g., daily/weekly/monthly) or if malware is suspected.

NOTES:

- Blackboard (Bb) is the Learning Management System for The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- Specific curricula for TCCNHS courses may require additional software purchases. These requirements will be provided in the course syllabi.
- Additional Technology information and resources is located on the Educational Technology page of MyTCC. Including links to helpful Plug-Ins and Virus Protection.
- Students are expected to bring their laptops fully charged for classroom activities and must have administrator access (i.e., the ability to install software)
- For all policies and procedures on technology rights, responsibility, security, support, and Acceptable Use, please refer to the College Catalog.