

Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy Laptop Specifications & Recommendations for Fall 2024

We use Exemplify for most of our tests, Desire 2 Learn/Brightspace (D2L) for our course management software, and Teams and Zoom for our virtual classrooms and meetings.

An Apple or Windows-based laptop is required, plus an additional mobile device (tablet, cell phone) with a working camera and microphone. Although a mobile phone will be sufficient to meet requirements, an iPad is strongly recommended.

Gatton students receive a free Office 365 account with access to install the Office suite (Word, PowerPoint, Teams, Excel, etc.) on up to 5 computers and 5 mobile devices. This account also includes 1 TB of cloud storage in OneDrive. For more info, visit:

<https://www.etsu.edu/365/benefits.php>

Minimum Laptop Requirements

Specification	Apple	Windows
Processor	Intel i5 or better or new M1	Intel i5 Dual Core or better
Operating System	Mac OS X 14	Windows 11 (64-bit)
RAM	8GB	
Data Storage	256GB	
Network	Wi-Fi enabled, Ethernet port or Ethernet Adapter	
Graphics Card	Integrated Intel	
Screen Resolution	1280 x 768 (100% Scaling)	
Hardware	Functional built in USB Webcam and Microphone.	
Home Internet Speed	25 Mbps Download / 3 Mbps Upload	

Recommended Specs

Specification	Apple	Windows	Tablet
Model	MacBook Pro (M3)	Dell Latitude 7490	iPad 10th gen ('22)
Memory	8GB RAM	8GB RAM	4GB RAM
Data Storage	512GB SSD	512GB SSD	256GB
Graphics	4GB Dedicated RAM	4GB Dedicated RAM	Quad Core
Warranty	3yr AppleCare	3yr Advanced Support	3yr Apple Care
Age	2022 model or newer		

Education Discounts and Financing

Apple	Dell
https://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop	http://www.dell.com/etsu

*You may be able to finance your purchase through your student loan. For more information, contact Angel Kincer in the Financial Aid office by phone at: (423) 439-6338, or via email at kincera@etsu.edu

If you have any questions about computer requirements or configurations, please contact: Dan VanZant at vanzantd@etsu.edu or by phone 423-439-6883

Additional Technology Requirements

Laptop Computer

All student pharmacists are required to have a personal laptop computer appropriately configured to be compatible with ETSU network facilities, including Desire2Learn (D2L) and ExamSoft (Examplify). D2L is a web-based teaching and learning tool utilized by faculty for course delivery. ExamSoft is testing software utilized by the college to administer in-class examinations. A laptop computer provides maximal mobility and utility in accessing computing technology. Wireless access to the ETSU network is available in all areas of the college, and the large classrooms have wired access. Laptop computers are necessary for retrieving course materials, including syllabi and handouts; accessing online resources (e.g., textbooks); retrieving primary literature and conducting internet searches; taking notes in class, if permitted by the instructor; taking in-class exams and quizzes as required; and other projects and assignments. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their computer meets these requirements. Students are expected to provide their own printing hardware and supplies. Other devices may suffice for many tasks, but the student is responsible for having personal and functional computing equipment for use with any in-class quiz, exam, or exercise.

Smartphone (P4s)

Fourth-year students are required to have a Smartphone or similar device for use during APP Es. The College does not specify the type of device you must purchase; however, the device must be able to run Lexi-Comp drug and clinical information software, the required textbook for the fourth year. Additionally, it is recommended that students purchase a device that is compatible with the CORE ELMS Informatics system utilized by the Office of Experiential Education. This software provides students with the ability to access personal and program information pertinent to their practice experience. To assist students, the Medical Library has formulated a list of buying recommendations. The library will also assist students in configuring their devices.