

# Computer Requirements (OS & Software MDT checklist)

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# Computer System Recommendations

## Overview

These recommendations are for what computer works best with McLennan Community College applications.

## Getting Started

### Windows/Mac

Requirement	Recommendation	Comments
Operating System (OS)*	Windows 11 or macOS	These systems offer excellent performance and compatibility with a wide range of MCC services.
RAM	8GB or more	8GB RAM is the minimum recommendation. More RAM will further improve overall system performance.
Storage	500GB or more	500GB is the minimum recommendation to accommodate the OS, applications, and user data.

### Chromebook/ChromeOS

- Chromebooks/ChromeOS is **not** recommended to access all MCC services. While ChromeOS is a lightweight and fast operating system, it lacks the extensive software compatibility (such as with Office 365 installed applications) offered by Windows and macOS.

# Associate Degree Nursing Program Software Requirements

## Overview

The Associate Degree Nursing Program will require students to own personal laptops for access to resources and testing. On entry into the program, time will be spent during orientation ensuring that all needed programs and accesses are installed and available.

## Getting Started

The following is a list of programs which will need to be installed and/or run on all computers used in the program. This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change over time.

### Computer minimum system requirements

You can find recommendations for minimum system requirements in the IT Hub article [Computer System Recommendations](#).

### Required Software

- Office 365. You may download Office 365 for free at [Microsoft Office 365 Setup and Installation](#)
- Exemplify and its secure browser for testing purposes
- Evolve/Elsevier software as needed, such as Vital Source Bookshelf for textbook access and E360 for many other learning opportunities
- Lockdown Browser

### Disable auto-updates

While in the program, it will be important that auto-updates for the operating system on the machines are turned off to ensure functionality with several programs. Most notably Exemplify, as these programs sometimes lag behind Microsoft and Mac and problems may occur if updates are run before they have been vetted. Faculty members will advise all students when updates are approved by our software providers, and emergency machines will be available on a limited basis for use as needed during exams.

### Disable Windows auto-updates

Instructions for disabling windows auto-updates can be found at [Schedule or pause updates in Windows 11 - Microsoft Support](#)

## Disable MacOS auto-updates

- Open System Settings and go to General > Software Update.
- Click the info button next to Automatic updates.
- Turn off the switch for 'Download new updates when available' and click Done.
- On older versions of macOS, like macOS Monterey and earlier, go to System Preferences > Software Update to turn off automatic updates.