

Technology Requirements, Recommendations and Support

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All students entering The Christ College will be 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. Public computers, Chromebooks, tablets, virtual machines, and smartphones will not suffice as a primary device. No student will be denied admission to 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 125GB Hard Drive
- **Sound/Video Recording:** Working speakers and headphones are required. Some courses will require a webcam and microphone, additionally. Course-specific technology requirements can be found in course syllabi.
- **Screen:** Screen resolution should be 1280 x 800 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 and TCH-Workforce.
- **High-Speed Internet Connection Required:** For online learning activities completed off campus, DSL or cable is strongly recommended. Dial up and satellite internet connections will not suffice for some online learning activities.
- **Plug-Ins:** The most recent versions of the following plug-ins are required for use in TCCNHS courses: Adobe Reader. Uncheck any additional offers prior to updating or installing the plug-ins listed above.
- **Operating System:** Windows 10 and Windows 11 |(Windows S mode will not work)|
Operating System Mac: Big Sur, macOS Monterey and Ventura. (Sonoma under review)
- **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.
- The Plug-Ins and Virus Protection listed above can be easily accessed on the BYOD page on MyTCC.
- 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.