

College of Nursing and Health Professions Technology Requirements

To participate in required course work, you will need access to a computer, the Internet, and your @usieagles.org e-mail account. While many students enjoy the convenience of doing their course work on their own home computer, computer access is available on campus for students who do not own a computer. On the USI campus, Internet and e-mail access is available in all computer clusters, the University Library, and the College of Nursing and Health Professions' Day Learning Resource Center. Your local university and public libraries may provide Internet access as well.

For students using a personal computer, it is recommended that for optimum performance the computer be a Pentium IV 900+ MHz processor or higher with 256 MB or more of RAM. It will also be necessary to have a 16-bit sound card and speakers; 65,000-color video display card and an operating system of Windows ME, Windows 2000 or Windows XP. The computer should have Internet Explorer 6.0 or later. For compatibility, you will want to have access to the software package Microsoft Office Suite to complete your assignments. The Standard Edition contains Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook whereas the Professional Edition adds Access to the package. Contact the USI Bookstore for purchase information on the Standard Edition for students or a local retailer.

Students with computers that are more than 5 years old should consider purchasing a new computer. Please contact Jon Reidford at jmreidfo@usi.edu or 812-461-5218 for suggestions.

For students wishing to view or listen to video or audio streams you will need player software loaded onto your computer. The software is available for installation from the College of Nursing and Health Professions on the Orientation CD-ROM or a free version of Real Player can be downloaded onto your computer from www.real.com. Most computers have Windows Media Player already installed but you will need the Real Player for your coursework.

For optimal viewing of video streams, we recommend using a cable modem, DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), ADSL, or satellite. These services may be purchased from a local telephone company, cable company, or a satellite TV service and are all considered high speed access.

The USI Computer Center assigns a free e-mail account to every newly enrolled student which is maintained throughout your time as a student. You can get your USI e-mail address by visiting the following address: https://www.usi.edu/webservices/people_search/. Type in your first and last name as the information is recorded with the Registrar's Office and click the submit button. Your @usieagles.org address will appear. If you have any questions about your USI e-mail, contact the Computer Center Help Desk at 812-465-1080.

Other e-mail accounts can be obtained either through your own personal on-line service or from free Internet e-mail services such as hotmail.com, gmail.com, yahoo.com, or excite.com. If you choose to use another e-mail account for your course work, you will need to set-up your MyUSI e-mail so that all e-mail will be forwarded to your other account. However, there are times when only your @usieagles.org e-mail address will need to be used to gain access to some University services such as MyUSI, Blackboard, and library databases from off campus locations. It will be important that you have established an e-mail account before your first class meeting.

To help familiarize students with the computer technology that will be used in the courses, we offer students an opportunity to attend a "hands-on" workshop prior to the beginning of classes. Student Orientation Sessions will introduce students to the use of the Internet, e-mail, MyUSI, video/audio streams, on-line testing, and using Blackboard (e-Learning software) for course information, content and assignments. Please call the Day Learning Resource Center at (812)465-1153 or e-mail bthompso@usi.edu to register.