

**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**Computer Requirements**  
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The FHSU Baccalaureate on-campus and Outreach Delivery (RN to BSN) and the Master of Science in Nursing Program are designed to provide a flexible and convenient learning environment. Most of the courses deliver information via Internet, Blackboard and Tegrity thus it is important to consider your computer access. These are the current guidelines to use when evaluating your computer. Many instructors use digital pictures that use more disk space in the online classroom.

Minimum Requirements	Best or Recommended Options
<p><b>Hardware—PC computer <u>NOT</u> Macintosh</b>  <b>Computer access is a requirement for the BSN &amp; MSN.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.8 GHZ Pentium 4 (or equivalent)</li> <li>• 512 MB of RAM</li> <li>• 80 GB Hard Drive</li> <li>• 150 MB of free hard drive space</li> <li>• 4x CD-ROM drive</li> <li>• Soundcard</li> <li>• Speakers or headphones</li> <li>• 56K or faster modem</li> <li>• Windows XP Professional operating system</li> <li>• 800 x 600 resolution</li> <li>• Updated Antivirus Software</li> <li>• 802.11b or 802.11g Wireless Card (for on-campus students with a lap-top)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pentium 4 or better</li> <li>• <i>The more RAM, the faster &amp; better the system works.</i></li> <li>• 40x CD ROM</li> <li>• Videocard of 2 MB or more</li> <li>• Speakers or headphones</li> <li>• 56 K modem and DSL internet access</li> <li>• Windows XP</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zip drive or a Portable USB drive</li> <li>• 17 inch Monitor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Software</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web browser--Explorer 5.5</li> <li>• Access and use of Microsoft Office 2003 Standard required for BSN - <b>Includes Word, PowerPoint, Access, &amp; Excel</b></li> <li>• Access and use of Microsoft Office Professional required for MSN</li> <li>• Graduate Students will need SPSS. Do not purchase without visiting with Graduate Faculty.</li> </ul> <p><b>*Microsoft Word <u>NOT</u> Works or Word Perfect</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Web browser</b>—Personal preference <i>Explorer 5.5 or higher works best with Microsoft products and Blackboard.</i></li> <li>• FHSU students <i>can order this package at a <u>reduced</u> student price.</i> <i>Call the CTC Help Desk 785-628-5276</i></li> </ul>
Internet Access	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>E-mail Access</b></li> <li>• <i>All FHSU students are given a <u>scatcat</u> e-mail address through the University that can be used.</i> Students can have all scatcat e-mail forwarded directly to their personal e-mail or continue to use the scatcat account for course work.</li> <li>• <b>Internet Provider <i>Must</i> have <u>reliable</u> Internet service!!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSL connections for internet provide the most reliable service—<b>DON'T use AOL.</b> Their company has a firewall built into their software that keeps a student from being able to use our library.</li> <li>• Hays residents can use the service provided through FHSU. Call 628-5276 or apply in Tomanek Hall room 113.</li> <li>• Virtual College students should contact a local provider</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scatcat accounts are also used to access Forsyth Library databases &amp; search engines.</li> <li>• Don't use cell phone to access Internet.</li> <li>• Don't use Netscape—Use Microsoft Explorer.</li> <li>• Double check your computer for its compatibility to handle the courses.</li> </ul>