iPads

During the first week of school the PA program will provide you with an iPad, an Apple Pencil, and preloaded educational applications. We'll also provide AppleCare for the first two years of the program. You'll receive your iPad and some instruction on its use during New Student Orientation. Students are responsible for the purchase of any accessories such as keyboard, case, additional specialized apps, etc. The iPad is yours to keep after graduation. More information will be provided in June.

General requirements and information

- A Mac or PC laptop computer is also required—most current operating systems are acceptable, with some restrictions as outlined below.

- Microsoft Office (M365) is required. Free version is available to students, beginning approximately June 1. Free OneDrive cloud storage also included.

- Encryption: Your device must be encrypted (more info below in required software).

- A smartphone is required: iPhone or Android.

- We run a paperless classroom. All lecture and course materials are provided as pdf documents via our course web pages.

- Wireless access is available in every campus building.

- There are a limited number of PC workstations (with pre-paid printer access) located in the library space in RLSB.

DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

Acceptable operating systems

We use the testing app Examplify for quizzes and exams. Our minimum system requirements for laptops and iPads (personally owned prior to PA school) are based on Examplify requirements.

Examplify requirements are summarized below. Full details, including how to find out exactly what operating systems you're currently running, are found here:

[Examplify Minimum System Requirements](#)

- PC: Windows 10/11 Home, Pro, Enterprise, or Education. Most consumer models come with Home. (See also, encryption info in REQUIRED SOFTWARE).

- Mac: OS 13 Ventura or better.

- iPad (personally owned prior to PA school): iOS 16 or better. Program-provided iPads meet this requirement.

Tech support

There is no official OHSU tech support for students' personally-owned devices. Students are *strongly* encouraged to purchase manufacturer support programs such as AppleCare for personally-owned devices. Program iPads come with AppleCare at no cost to students. Some retailers offer extended warranties and accident protection.

Speed and memory

Any laptop manufactured in the past three years should be more than fast enough and have sufficient memory for classroom use. We require that you install a few relatively small pieces of software.

Size and weight

A lighter machine with a 13-14" screen may be the best option. Keep in mind you will most likely be commuting by bus, train, bike or on foot.

Updates and upgrades

You are required to keep your devices updated, and if necessary, purchase upgrades. However, please wait to upgrade to a new system software (iOS, Windows, macOS) until approved by OHSU and Examplify.

Encryption
- Mac: Enable FileVault
- PC: See the article below for background and instructions. PC encryption is a bit trickier than on a Mac
  - From Microsoft: Device Encryption or Bitlocker
- iPad: minimum 6-digit alpha-numeric password. Face ID authentication is allowed, though discouraged.

Microsoft Office (M365)
- Free version is available to students, beginning approximately June 1. Also includes free OneDrive cloud storage.
- Microsoft Office (M365) on iPad can be accessed through .

Windows Defender and other antivirus applications
- For PCs: Know how to disable/re-enable Windows Defender (antivirus application that comes stock with Windows) and any additional antivirus application you might have.

Examplify
- Computer application we use for most of our exams. It runs on Mac, PC, and iPad.
- Further details in early June.

Web browsers
- Install Firefox and Chrome recommended.

Note-taking software
- We run a paperless classroom. All lecture and course materials are provided as pdf documents via our course web pages.
- iPads come with Notability, which is highly popular among our students.

Be familiar with the basic operation of your note-taking software before day one of classes.

Lower-tech note-taking—using the comment tools (pencil, highlight, textbox, etc.)
- Adobe Reader (free)
- Preview (free Adobe Reader clone bundled with Mac OS)

Slightly higher-tech note-taking and organizing
- OneNote (PC or Mac)
- Notability (iPad or Mac).

Storage and backup options
- Cloud services: Microsoft OneDrive free version is available to students, beginning approximately June 1.
- Drive: 1T external drive for less than $100; Mac Passport. External drives also need to be encrypted.
  - Recommended: G-Technology (Any Hard Drive)

Printer
- Student printing is available in the building in the graduate student study lounge.

- A smartphone is required: iPhone or Android.

Financial aid will increase your aid budget for the purchase of one computer to include the following:
- $2000 (maximum) allowance for:
  - laptop
- Separate from the $2000 allowance, the financial aid package will also include:
  - $79 per month for your internet service provider (ISP)

If you purchase a new laptop for PA school, you can request your financial aid budget to be increased up to a maximum of $2,000. To do so, please see the form on page 5. This must be done closer to the beginning of the program. You will submit the form and receipts to the Financial Aid Office, then your loans will be increased for the amount of the purchase. If you are using a currently owned computer that meets our specifications, you don't need to do anything with Financial Aid. If you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid office at 503-494-7800 or 800-775-5460.

Within every PA class, we have a wide range of ages, experience, and technology skill levels. Our Education & Technology Coordinator, Max Afifi, is more than happy to discuss what options might work best for you. Contacting your PA26 buddy for advice might also be helpful.

Max Afifi
Education & Technology Coordinator
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2025-246 Computer Cost Adjustment Request
Form

Student Name_____   Student ID_____

To request to have your financial aid budget increased due to educationally related computer costs, you must complete the following:

Note: Your budget will not be increased more than **$2000** for the computer costs. This is a one-time budget adjustment for <u>one</u> computer. The computer costs **cannot** include items such as: carrying cases, extended warranties, and supplies for the computer (i.e., paper and ink cartridges). **The costs must be incurred during the current academic year.**

Please be aware, if you are already awarded the annual maximum in federal and state financial aid, the increase in your budget will only increase your alternative loan eligibility (or if you are a graduate student who applied, your Federal Graduate PLUS loan). If your budget increase results in additional alternative loan eligibility, you would then need to apply for the alternative loan to see if you qualify for it.

1. Describe what computer components were purchased:

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2. Date purchased: _____

3. Total amount: $_____

4. Attach a copy of the itemized list of computer equipment purchased, date purchased, and proof of payment. The itemized list must include the company's name.

Student Signature:_____Date: _____

We are unable to accept typed signatures

Return form to: OHSU Financial Aid Office
Preferred Method - Email: finaid@ohsu.edu   3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Fax: 503-494-4629   Mail Code L109
                                               Portland, OR 97239-3098

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