

iPads

During the first week of school the PA program will provide you with an iPad Air, an Apple Pencil Pro, 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 laptop computer is also required—most current operating systems are acceptable. **See: Exemplify Minimum System Requirements**
- Microsoft Office (M365) is available to students, beginning approximately June 1. Free OneDrive cloud storage is also included.
- Encryption: We recommend encrypting your device.
- Network: you will connect to Wifi on campus via Eduroam. Eduroam is available at most institutions worldwide – [Information about Eduroam wifi](#).
- A smartphone is recommended.
- Course materials, when applicable, will be provided via our course web pages.
- Individual computer stations with 24/7 printer access are located in the Graduate Learning Resource Center (RLSB 5th floor).

DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

Acceptable operating systems

We use the testing app Exemplify for quizzes and exams. Our minimum system requirements for laptops and iPads are based on Exemplify requirements.

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

[Exemplify Minimum System Requirements](#)

- PC: Windows 11. S mode is **not** supported.
- Mac: macOS Sonoma or better.
- iPad: iPadOS 17.6 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.

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

Please **wait to upgrade to a new system software** (iPadOS, Windows, macOS) until approved by OHSU and Exemplify.

REQUIRED SOFTWARE

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.

Exemplify

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

iClicker

- iClicker is used for attendance and classroom participation.
- Please download the app on your program-provided iPad. You may download the app on personal devices, but location sharing is required to check into class.

ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

Encryption (Optional & Recommended)

- 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

Web browsers

- Chrome, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge are recommended

Note-taking software

- iPads come with Notability, which is highly popular among our students. OneNote, Evernote, and Pages are also commonly utilized.

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

Lower-tech note-taking—using the comment tools (pencil, highlight, textbox, etc.)

- Adobe Reader (free)
- Preview (macOS)

Storage and backup options

- Cloud services: Microsoft OneDrive free version is available to students, beginning approximately June 1.
- External drives are recommended and also should be encrypted.
 - Recommended: [G-Technology \(Any Hard Drive\)](#)

Printer

- Student printing is available in the building in the Graduate Learning Resource Center.

SMARTPHONE REQUIREMENTS

- A smartphone is recommended: iPhone or Android.

FINANCIAL AID FOR TECHNOLOGY

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.

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS

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 PA27 buddy for advice might also be helpful.

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2026-27 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 one 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:

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:
Preferred Method - Email: finaid@ohsu.edu
Fax: 503-494-4629

OHSU Financial Aid Office
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Mail Code L109
Portland, OR 97239-3098

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