



Computing Device Recommendations

It is **required** that all students of Baptist College of Health Sciences (Baptist College) have a computing device. The general recommended specifications for the device are as follows:

A device that allows the student to access wireless Internet, and ability to submit homework and assignments online.

1. A full QWERTY keyboard that allows the student to type, edit, and complete lengthy word processing documents.
2. A screen (at least 11") that allows the student to comfortably read documents and view images.
3. 8GB of RAM minimum and 256GB hard drive and solid state (SSD) preferred.
4. A battery life that allows the student to work for at least 2 hours.
5. A device that allows the student to download browsers (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox).
6. A device that allows the student to view and create PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx).
7. Software capable of creating documents that conform to a formatting style (such as MLA, APA, or AMA) and can be saved in Microsoft Word form (.doc, or .docx).
8. A camera and microphone.

****Google Chromebooks and Netbook computers do not meet recommended specifications****

Note: Baptist College will provide a copy of the Microsoft Office software (PC and MAC versions available) currently used on campus.

FAQs

Will I need to buy a new portable computing device?

No, students will not need to buy a new portable computing device if their current device meets the general specification, listed above.

How can I access the Internet on my device while on campus?

Wireless access to the Internet is available in all Baptist College buildings. Students must read and submit the "Wireless Network Access and Guidelines" found on MyBCHS and/or MyCampus before the wireless password is made available. Students will have access to instructions on this process at Orientation.

Do I need access to the Internet from home?

Students will need internet access for their program. It is strongly recommended that students have internet access in their homes. Students have access to the internet while on campus, and there are wireless internet hotspot access points (e.g. libraries, Starbucks, etc.) available off campus. There are currently 106 known free public Wi-Fi connection spots in Memphis. For a complete list of hotspots near any location, go to:

<http://www.openwifispots.com>

If I need to purchase a computing device, can I use my financial aid to do so?

If students have excess aid after all tuition and fee balances are paid, they may use their refund to

purchase a computing device for educational purposes. PLEASE NOTE: Student refunds are not available until at least 14 days and up to 30 days after the start of classes.

What are the advantages of having my own personal computing device?

Students will use the device for a large majority of coursework assignment completion: to access the learning management system and all course assignments, to turn in coursework, take notes, retrieve relevant information, have synchronous class meetings, and complete surveys (NSSI and SSI), among other things. With the increased availability of e-books and other online resources, students will be able to access many course materials, some free from Baptist College's library or other online sources.

You may contact Information Technology at college.request@bchs.edu if you have additional questions.