

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 *username@mail.usi.edu* 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.

Hardware and Operating System

For students using a personal computer, it is recommended that for optimum performance the computer be:

- Pentium 4 or Celeron 2.2 GHz (or better) processor or higher
- 512 MB or more of RAM.
- 16-bit sound card and speakers
- 65,000-color video display card
- operating system of Windows Vista or Windows XP.
- Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

Students with computers that are more than 5 years old should consider purchasing a new computer.

Contact Dennis Siepierski at djsiepiers@usi.edu or 812-461-5218 for suggestions.

Software

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 *Microsoft Access* to the package.

Contact the USI Bookstore for purchase information on the *Standard* Edition for students or a local retailer.

Viewing Streaming Video

For students wishing to view or listen to video or audio streams you will need player software loaded onto your computer.

Most computers have Windows Media Player already installed, but you may need *Real Player* <http://www.real.com/> for some of the videos associated your coursework.

For optimal viewing of video streams, we strongly recommend using a cable modem, DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), ADSL, or satellite. A dialup connection would not be adequate for downloading videos) These services may be purchased from a local telephone company, cable company, or a satellite TV service and are all considered high speed access.

Your USI email Address

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 *username@mail.usi.edu* 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 can 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.

If you have further questions, the computer helpdesk at 812-465-1080, or call the Day Learning Resource Center at (812)465-1153.