COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS AND COLLEGE COMPUTING RESOURCES

Students are required to have some type of laptop, tablet, iPad computer that can be brought to class during their enrollment at the College of Pharmacy. The operating system (Windows or Mac) must be supported by the manufacturer and not be beyond end of life. The computer must have a web browser, wireless networking capabilities, and a web cam. In addition, it must be able to read Adobe PDFs and be compatible with Examsoft Software for taking exams (see support.examsoft.com). Students must be capable of producing and using Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

University and College of Pharmacy computer accounts

- University computer account
  - If you are not already a University of Arizona student, when you receive your Student ID number and PIN from the Graduate College you can create your University of Arizona NetID. Follow this link to do that: https://netid.arizona.edu
  - With your UA NetID you can then create a University e-mail address (something\@email.arizona.edu) following the instructions in the link above.
  - This is an important e-mail address since the University's Registrar's Office and Financial Aid office will communicate with you using your University e-mail address.

- College of Pharmacy computer account
  - During Orientation you will receive your College of Pharmacy computer account information. This will include your access to College only resources and your Pharmacy e-mail account (something\@pharmacy.arizona.edu).
  - The College of Pharmacy faculty and staff will communicate with you using your College of Pharmacy e-mail address.
  - In addition to your Pharmacy e-mail account, you will have access to resources on the College's servers, file servers that you can easily share files with others you are working with, printing, drug information databases, etc. This will be explained further during the orientation week.

With two e-mail accounts, you have three options:

1) Read both e-mail accounts.
2) Forward your University e-mail to your College of Pharmacy e-mail account.
3) Forward your College of Pharmacy e-mail to your University e-mail account.

We will give you information to help you make your choice and implement your decision during orientation. You may use either or both of these e-mail addresses in addition to, or in
place of, any other e-mail addresses you may already have. Students who have ignored these choices have missed deadlines and come very close to NOT graduating.

Minimum Laptop Specifications
- Laptops should be no more than 3 years old for best vendor support
- Warranty 3 or 4 years parts and labor (strongly recommended)
- Insurance comprehensive breakage, theft, hazard. For more information, contact Safeware (www.safeware.com)

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The UA bookstore has special academic pricing on Windows and Mac computers at their site or on campus. This is also available directly from more computer vendors:
- UA Bookstore: http://shop.arizona.edu/technology
- Dell: http://www.dell.com/uazmed

If you are interested in purchasing a computer, please check this link:
- CATS Bookstore. We have also had good results with HP products. If you are deciding between a Mac or a Windows computer, we recommend that you purchase a Windows computer because our ability to support them is greater, however if you already own a Mac there is certainly no need to replace it.
- The College faculty and staff use Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) as their office productivity software. It is your responsibility to be able to use files they give you and provide them with files in a format they can use. If you need to purchase software, check with the CATS Bookstore.
• If you have Internet access from your home, The College supports internet access to College resources via that connection. UAWiFi is available everywhere on campus for your wireless devices.

• The College of Pharmacy has a staff of Information Technology professionals to assist you with your computer needs while at the College of Pharmacy. Again, more information will be provided during orientation, but if you have any specific questions not addressed here you can contact the COP IT helpdesk at helpdesk@pharmacy.arizona.edu.