

2017

Welcome New Vermont Tech Nursing Students,

The nursing faculty is committed to using technology to provide for you the best educational experience possible. In order to utilize today's multiple educational technologies to the fullest extent, the availability of a personal laptop is a requirement for each of the nursing students in the Vermont Tech nursing program. Some of the many benefits of having a laptop available to you as a nursing student are the ability for you to take your class work anywhere, access to Ebooks if you chose to use them in place of hardcopy texts, nursing references at your fingertips, the ability to do online testing, and the ability to research and type your papers in your own quiet environment.

You will need to have a laptop for the academic year 2017-2018 that includes the following:

- Windows 7 or higher (8, 8.1, or 10) (needed for installation of Safe Exam Browser)
- **Please note, you must have a Windows operating system or MacOS for installation of Safe Exam Browser. You cannot use a tablet, Chromebook, or other alternative operating system**
- MS Office 2013 or higher
- 4 GB of Memory
- 160 Gig Hard Drive (bigger is better)
- Accidental coverage warranty is recommended as an option when purchasing a laptop

Office Suite 2013 (which includes Word, PowerPoint and additional software) is available to you as a student for \$15 at the start of the academic year from E-Academy. Their address is <https://vtc.onthehub.com>. You can buy this software as soon as you have registered and activated your VTC email account.

In terms of Financial Aid, the cost of a computer has been built into the 'cost of attendance' or budget for financial aid for \$1,000. This will allow you to apply for additional loan funds for this purpose.

If you wish to take out additional alternative loan funding to cover the expense of a computer or other living allowances, you will need to select a lender. Our website has a page devoted specifically to private alternative loans at: <http://www.vtc.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/private-loans> where you can select one.

*Please note: if you will be applying for alternative loans to cover the expense, you will need a credit worthy co-signer and find a lender to pursue this option. Refunds from student loans will not disburse to student accounts until the **last week in September**. If you have questions about the loan process, please:*

- Contact financial aid at 1.800.965.8970 with any questions

We strongly recommend you start looking at laptops now if you do not already have one available, and purchasing one if you need to, now or during the summer sales, which will save you LOTS of money. You will have the opportunity to obtain a laptop from the bookstore if you prefer. The **estimated cost** from the bookstore is \$850-\$1200 and is subject to change. Contact information for the Vermont Tech Bookstore is 802-728-9265 and email at VTCbookstore@vtc.edu.

Additionally you can purchase a laptop from Dell at the special Vermont Tech Student web site that is set up by going to www.Dell.com/VTC.

We are looking forward to a technology rich coming school year and to your success.

Sincerely, The Vermont Tech Nursing Faculty