

Technology Requirements for Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing

Please note that any system older than two years may not have the processing power to work with our current version of Blackboard and its components, so please be sure to reference the recommended configuration below to ensure your system is current.

<i>Required PC Hardware Configuration</i>	<i>Required Mac Hardware Configuration</i>
Operating System: Windows 7 SP1 or Windows 10*	Operating System: Mac OS X 10.13.6 or lower
Intel Core 2 Duo or faster (2.33 GHz)	Intel Core 2 Duo or faster (2.33 GHz)
8 gigabytes (GB) RAM (64-bit) or higher	8 gigabytes (GB) RAM (64-bit) or higher
Intel Series 3000 graphics card	Intel Series 3000 graphics card
20 gigabytes (GB) or higher free disk space	20 gigabytes (GB) or higher free disk space
1024 x 768 monitor resolution or higher	1024 x 768 monitor resolution or higher
High speed Internet connection; 4 mbps or higher	High speed Internet connection; 4 mbps or higher
Microphone, speakers, headset, webcam	Microphone, speakers, headset, webcam
Browsers – Chrome** (36+), Edge** (20+), Firefox (31+), Internet Explorer (11+)	Browsers – Chrome** (36+), Edge** (20+), Firefox (31+), Safari (6+)

*Windows 10 is strongly recommended by January 2019; it is required by August 2019

**Google Chrome versions 42+, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge do not support NPAPI-type plug-ins, including Java plug-ins and many media browser plug-ins. Blackboard doesn't support these browsers for use with the Virtual Classroom and Lightweight Chat tools, the multiple-file upload interface, or embedded media that require NPAPI plug-ins for viewing.

<i>Requirements for Post-Licensure (RN-BSN)*</i>	<i>Requirements for Pre-Licensure (BSN)</i>
Access to a computer (desktop or laptop)	Access to a laptop computer
Regular, reliable access to a stable Internet connection	Regular, reliable access to a stable Internet connection
PERRLA**	PERRLA** (optional, but recommended at this time)
vSIM for Nursing Health Assessment	ATI Nursing Education
Current anti-virus/malware protection software	Current anti-virus/malware protection software
Microsoft Office 2010 or higher	Microsoft Office 2010 or higher
Acrobat Reader version 10.0 or higher	Acrobat Reader version 10.0 or higher
Java	Java
Adobe Flash Player	Adobe Flash Player
QuickTime version 7 or higher	QuickTime version 7 or higher
Windows Media Player series 9 or higher	Windows Media Player series 9 or higher
Silverlight © 3.x or higher plugin	Silverlight © 3.x or higher plugin

*Students who do not possess these computer requirements are not eligible to register for online courses.

**PERRLA for Word and PERRLA Online are now a bundled package when you purchase from the PERRLA website. At this time, we recommend using PERRLA Online as your primary APA assistance program due to compatibility issues with PERRLA for Word explained below:

On a PC, PERRLA for Word is compatible with Microsoft Windows operating system versions: XP, Vista, 7, 8 (Windows RT tablet version not supported), and Windows 10; Microsoft Office versions 2003, 2007, 2010, 2013, and 2016 are supported on a PC, but not the free "Starter Edition" or the "Click to Run" versions of 2010. On a Mac, PERRLA for Word is compatible with Microsoft Office 2011 on Mac OS X (10.5.8 or later). Unfortunately, PERRLA for Word is not compatible with Microsoft Office 2008 or the latest Microsoft Office 2016 version on Mac. You must have Microsoft Office 2011 installed on your Mac in order to run PERRLA for Word.