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.

Required PC Hardware Configuration	Required Mac Hardware Configuration
Operating System: Windows 10	Operating System: Mac OS X10.12 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* (49+), Edge* (20+), Firefox (48+)	Browsers – Chrome* (56+), Edge* (30+), Firefox (50+), Safari (11+)

*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.

Requirements for Post-Licensure (RN-BSN)*	Requirements for Pre-Licensure (BSN)*
Access to a computer (desktop or laptop)	Access to a laptop computer for in and out of class use
Regular, reliable access to a stable Internet connection	Regular, reliable access to a stable Internet connection
PERRLA**	PERRLA** (optional
vSIM for Nursing Health Assessment	Examsoft
Current anti-virus/malware protection software	ATI Nursing Education
Microsoft Office 2010 or higher	Current anti-virus/malware protection software
Acrobat Reader version 10.0 or higher	Microsoft Office 2010 or higher
Java	Acrobat Reader version 10.0 or higher
Adobe Flash Player	Java
QuickTime version 7 or higher	Adobe Flash Player
Windows Media Player series 9 or higher	QuickTime version 7 or higher
Silverlight © 3.x or higher plugin	Windows Media Player series 9 or higher
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*Students who do not possess these computer requirements are not eligible to register for 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:

 PERRLA for Word: Mac System Requirements:
 Operating System: Mac OS X v10.10 or later
 Word Processing Program: Microsoft Word for Mac - 2011 or 2016 versions

 PERRLA for Word: Windows System Requirements:
 Operating System: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10.
 Word Processing Program: Microsoft Word 2000 or newer (but not the free "Starter Edition")

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