Stony Brook Physician Assistant Program
Computer/Software/Data Requirements

Each physician assistant student must have access to a Windows-based or Apple-based laptop computer which they are responsible to maintain. Each student should ensure that their computing device(s) meets the minimum standards listed below. We do NOT recommend the use of Chromebooks as a primary computing device.

The following is a description of suggested computer hardware, software and data communication requirements. Please familiarize yourself with these requirements to assure that your laptop computer fully meets them.

A computer purchased within the last 2 years will generally meet the minimum computer hardware requirements.

Requirements for a Windows Laptop
Minimum Requirements
- Operating System: Windows 10 or higher
- Memory: 8GB of RAM
- Wireless: 802.11g, 802.11n, 802.11ac or 802.11ax
- Hard drive: 120GB
- Webcam
- Headphones or earbuds

Requirements for an Apple Laptop
iOS devices (iPads) may not be suitable for some class activities.
Minimum Requirements
- Operating System: Mac OS X 10.10 or higher
- Memory: 8GB
- Wireless: 802.11g, 802.11n, 802.11ac or 802.11ax
- Hard drive: 120GB
- Webcam
- Headphones or earbuds

Productivity Software
- Operating System:
    - Microsoft Windows version 7 or higher (Windows 10 preferred), or Mac OS X 10.10 or higher.
- All students will receive a Stony Brook **Gmail** account linked to your SB NetID. Beginning with the summer semester all electronic communications between faculty and students will use school-supplied email addresses only.
- Gmail accounts include Google Workspace
    - Google's productivity suite includes Google Sheets, Docs, Slides. (all are compatible with Microsoft Office formats)
    - Google drive (cloud-based storage).
    - *Students wishing to use other software must ensure compatibility with Microsoft Office 2013 (or later) or MS Office 365.*
    - The University also offers free access to Microsoft Office 365
- Internet browsers:
    - Chrome *(latest version- preferred)*
    - Firefox *(latest version)*
    - Microsoft Edge

Information/Data Services and Recommendations

Virus scanning software is highly recommended. *
- Microsoft Defender (included with Win10) and Symantec anti-virus may be available free from Campus. Since the PA Program does not administer these offerings they are subject to change. Registered students can obtain more information about these offers from the Stony Brook University Division of Information Technology website

For additional information and support visit:
- **The Division of Information Technology Website (DOIT)**
- **The DOIT Service Center**
- **The Student Tech Guide**
- **Stony Brook Cybersecurity - Student Survival Guide**
- **Student Support Team**

The Customer Engagement & Support Service Center
- Located in the Educational Communications Center (ECC) on west campus Room 128, offers IT-related assistance to faculty, staff, and students.

Student Help Desk:
631.632.9800