

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING
Standard Computing Requirements For
GRADUATE LEVEL NURSING STUDENTS

Regular access to and competent skill in using the following computer hardware and software are **required** for students entering and continuing in the Master of Nursing (MN) degree program:

- Hardware:
 - Computer:
 - PC running Windows 2000, XP, or Vista (XP or Vista recommended)
 - OR Macintosh running OS9 or OS X (OS X recommended)
 - Printer
- Software:
 - Word Processing: Microsoft Word XP or higher (2007 recommended) ⁽¹⁾
 - Presentation: Microsoft PowerPoint XP or higher (2007 recommended)
 - Current Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 6.0 SP1 or higher (7.0 recommended) ⁽²⁾
 - Browser Plug In: Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 or higher (8.0 recommended) ⁽³⁾
- Internet access:
 - Reliable connection to the Internet ⁽⁴⁾. High-speed connection **required**

Questions about acquiring and using the above hardware and software can be directed to the College of Nursing Information Technology Coordinator, Trevor Murray, by phone at (406) 994-6846 or via e-mail to tlmurray@montana.edu.

⁽¹⁾ If your computer came with Microsoft **Works** (a limited-featured word processing program which isn't compatible with other major programs), please note you will need to purchase a copy of Microsoft **Word**. It is recommended that you obtain the full Microsoft Office Suite, which includes PowerPoint along with Word. There is an educational/student version of the Microsoft Office suite, available for students/faculty at a **considerable** discount from the regular price.

⁽²⁾ You can get free upgrades to Internet Explorer by visiting <http://www.windowsupdate.com>, and downloading all updates listed under **Critical Updates and Service Packs**. Most graduate level courses are anchored in WebCT, the university's online course management system. For more information about WebCT, including a visual tour, information about compatible browsers and frequently asked questions, visit <http://webct.montana.edu> and click on "Student Resources."

⁽³⁾ You can download the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader for free by visiting their website at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

⁽⁴⁾ Unless you are already an AOL customer, it is suggested that you choose a different ISP (Internet Service Provider) due to known difficulties with AOL and e-mail attachments, Internet browser, and WebCT.