

Eshelman School of Pharmacy Laptop Recommended Specifications

All incoming Eshelman School of Pharmacy students are **heavily** advised to bring a laptop to the program. **Student laptops are required for all exams and should be in good working order.** Students may choose their own device but are advised of these these minimum requirements:

	Windows	Mac
Operating System	10 or newer	OS X 10.14 (Mojave) OS X 10.15 (Catalina) or newer
CPU	2.5 Ghz Intel Core i5 or greater Note: If the processor has a turbo feature that brings it above the 2.5 Ghz in peak times, this should suffice. This is the case for many Mac laptops.	2.5 Ghz Intel Core i5 or greater
RAM	8 GB or greater	8 GB or greater
Administrative rights?	Yes	Yes
Additional recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A physical keyboard is required for the exam software • Ability to connect to the internet (wireless/wifi) • Adobe Reader (Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, which includes Adobe Acrobat, is available through campus free of charge) • Ability to run Firefox, Chrome, Internet Explorer/Microsoft Edge (PC) or Safari (Mac) • Functional webcam, microphone, and speakers • Must be no more than 4 years old at the start of the program 	

Where should I purchase a laptop?

Students are free to purchase any device from any source. The on campus source is the [Carolina Computing Initiative \(CCI\)](#). See below for [CCI ordering instructions](#).

Why should I purchase my laptop from Carolina Computer Initiative (CCI)?

A CCI machine:

- Comes preconfigured with a fully loaded software package ready to use on the campus wired and wireless networks that meet all of the above minimum requirements.
- Comes with a full four-year warranty and insurance.
- Is guaranteed to be serviced at the factory-authorized repair facility on campus that also provides a **loaner laptop** for check out while your laptop is being serviced.

I qualify for financial aid and would like to use it to purchase my laptop. What should I do?

For those who qualify for financial aid, your computer may be purchased in whole or in part with your financial aid funds. Unfortunately, sometimes funds arrive after the due date for making your selection; therefore, you may need to purchase the computer up front and then receive reimbursement your financial aid package arrives.