Laptop Computer Requirement

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPPS) students must have a current laptop computer (see below for suggested specifications) during the professional years of the program (P1 – P4 years).

Pharmacy educators and pharmacy practitioners depend on graduates being functional users of information technology and networked information resources. Pharmacists rely extensively on information systems in the provision of patient care. SOPPS will ensure that students are well-prepared to optimally use information technologies for life-long learning, professional practice and research.

Laptop computers are used for a variety of tasks including, but not limited to: conducting on-line research; corresponding via email; completion of course evaluations; in-class electronic testing; presentation design development and delivery; accessing and downloading of on-line course materials; installation of prescription software; accessing electronic medical records; submission and review of portfolios; transmission and access to general course work, laboratory and seminar information; and submission of assignments. Each year, new uses are integrated into the curriculum.

Current software requirements for all pharmacy students include (you do not need to download the software until your instructors provide you with instructions to do so):
  o Examsoft software (Examplify) used for electronic testing. See minimum system requirements at: https://examsoft.com/resources/examplify-minimum-system-requirements/
  o Computers should have a PDF reader available to open cases loaded in ExamSoft software

Technology resources are available via: https://connect-to-tech.northeastern.edu/students/.

New computer purchase recommendations and options may be found at https://computer-discounts.northeastern.edu/personal/. In addition to outlined specifications, battery life of at least four hours may be necessary for computer use for electronic testing or in laboratories and seminar rooms.

iPads and other tablets can be used to satisfy many, but not all of the programmatic requirements, therefore, students can consider them as optional devices in addition to the laptop. Examsoft/Examplify will NOT run on Chromebook, Android, or Linux operating systems. **Please note that iPADs are NOT currently compatible with Northeastern's Examsoft testing software**.