

Technology Recommendations for Students

The following are the recommended minimum specifications for students seeking to purchase a laptop or desktop for use in online courses at CNC.

Please note that students can borrow laptops from Media Services at the Prince George Resource Centre, and computer labs are open at all campuses. Students are also welcome to come on campus to access Wi-Fi networks.

PROCESSOR	Intel Core i5 or i7, or AMD Ryzen 5
OPERATING SYSTEM	Microsoft Windows 10*
MEMORY	Minimum 8 GB RAM
STORAGE	Recommended minimum 500 GB internal storage drive
DISPLAY	14" LCD monitor, resolution of 1600 x 900 or better <i>(a smaller monitor will work, but will be harder to read)</i>
NETWORK	802.11ac 2.4/5 GHz wireless
PERIPHERALS	Webcam Speakers Microphone All of the above can be built into your computer or used as external devices.
SOFTWARE	Microsoft Office 365 is available free of charge to all students. Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneDrive, and OneNote. Office 365 is available to students at cnc.bc.ca/office365 .

*For non-Windows operating systems (like Mac OS), check with your computer vendor for comparable specifications.

Note: Students in Accounting & Finance, Civil Engineering Technology, and Web & Graphic Design should check with their program concerning any specialized hardware or software which may be required.

Chromebooks are not recommended. You will not be able to install Office 365, and they may lack other required functionality for your program.