

Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy Laptop Specifications & Recommendations for Fall 2026

Gatton College of Pharmacy (GCOP) utilizes several software platforms for curricular executions. These include Exemplify (for exams), Desire 2 Learn (D2L)/Brightspace (learning management system), and Core ELMS (experiential education management system). Students will also be required to use various applications, such as Micromedex and UpToDate Lexidrug, as well as all Microsoft (MS) Office products (including Word, Excel, Outlook, and Teams) and platforms such as Zoom for virtual meetings.

An Apple or Windows-based laptop is required, plus an additional mobile device (tablet, cell phone) with a working camera and microphone. Although a mobile phone will be sufficient to meet requirements, an iPad is strongly recommended. MS based tablets do not work with some platforms, such as Exemplify, hence we recommend using an iPad as a preferred tablet.

GCOP students receive an MS Office 365 account with access to install the entire Office suite on up to 5 computers, 5 tablets, and 5 mobile devices. This account also includes 1 TB of cloud storage in OneDrive, and students have access to additional MS Office software platforms via the web-based MS Office 365 website. For more info, visit: <https://www.etsu.edu/365/benefits.php>

MINIMUM Laptop Requirements

Specification	Apple	Windows
Processor	M1 or newer	Intel i5/i7 (12 th gen.), Intel Core Ultra, or AMD Ryzen 5/7
Operating System	Mac OS 26 (Tahoe)	Windows 11 (64-bit)
RAM	16GB	
Data Storage	256GB	
Network	Wi-Fi enabled, Ethernet port or Ethernet Adapter	
Graphics Card	Integrated Apple Silicon	Integrated Intel Iris Xe, Intel Arc, or AMD Radeon
Screen Resolution	1280 x 768 (100% Scaling)	
Hardware	Functional built in USB Webcam and Microphone USB-C Port(s) or USB-A Port with USB-C adapter	
Home Internet Speed	50 Mbps Download / 10 Mbps Upload	

Recommended Specs

Specification	Apple	Windows	Tablet
Model	MacBook Air (M5) 10-core CPU/8-core GPU	Dell Latitude 5450/7450 or Lenovo ThinkPad T14	iPad Air (M4)
Memory	16GB RAM	16GB RAM	Standard Config.
Data Storage	512GB SSD	512GB SSD	256GB
Graphics	Integrated Apple Silicon	Integrated Intel/AMD Radeon	Integrated Apple Silicon
Warranty	3yr AppleCare	3yr Advanced Support	3yr AppleCare
Accessories	-	-	Apple Pencil Pro

Education Discounts and Financing

Apple	Dell
https://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop	http://www.dell.com/etsu

*You may be able to finance your purchase through your student loan. For more information, contact Angel Kincer in the Financial Aid office by phone at: (423) 439-6338, or via email at kincera@etsu.edu

If you have any questions about computer requirements or configurations, please contact: Dee Odunsi in the Office of Academic Affairs at odunsi@etsu.edu or by phone 423-439-6883

Additional Technology Requirement

Smartphone

Fourth-year students (P4s) are required to have a Smartphone or similar device for use during Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). The College does not specify the type of device you must purchase; however, the device must be able to run UpToDate Lexidrug software, the required textbook for the fourth year. Additionally, it is recommended that students purchase a device that is compatible with the CORE ELMS Informatics system utilized by the Office of Experiential Education. This software provides students with the ability to access personal and program information pertinent to their practice experience.

A smartphone meeting the above requirements is recommended for P1-P3 students for Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs).

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