

Minimum Technology Requirements

Students are expected to have continuous access to a computer and the Internet in order to take full advantage of the instructional delivery opportunities provided by our various programs. As a result of the increasing emphasis on mobility in today's technology marketplace, a laptop is strongly recommended in place of a PC.

Email Accounts

Upon admission to the University, students are required to obtain an NSU email account. Students can complete their NSU email account request online at https://www.nova.edu/sbin/account_request. A student's email name and password will allow access to NSU email, Webmail, the NSU Electronic Library, various NSU Web applications, and online WebCT courses. Additionally, all formal University communication is conducted through your NSU email account.

Minimum Recommended Computer and Software Recommendations

Students *must* have individual and personal access to a computer with Internet connectivity for file management, email, and online course activities. High-speed Internet access is *strongly* recommended if available.

If you are purchasing a new computer, a laptop unit is recommended for maximum flexibility for today's mobile online learners.

Hardware	Software
CPU with at least 1.0 GHz speed	Windows XP or Windows 2000 –or– Mac OS X (for Mac based systems)
1.0 GB RAM	Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
100 Gig Hard Drive (min. 40 Gigs recommended)	Adobe Acrobat Reader (free)
USB 2.0 Ports (at least 2 recommended)	Internet Browser(s): Internet Explorer (free), Firefox (free)
IEEE 1394 Port(s) – “firewire”	EpiInfo for Windows (free download from CDC site)
CD RW Drive	
DVD Drive (highly recommended)	
Monitor: 15” minimum; flat panel is nice	
Sound card (external or internal speakers)	
Microphone (external or headset combination)	
Wireless card (if using laptop)	

It is highly recommended to know the use MS Office, Word, PowerPoint and Excel, since these are the basic communication tools in public health.