

Dear Medical Student:

Welcome to the University of Colorado School of Medicine! We would like to inform you of our laptop requirement for all medical students. The laptop requirement allows this technology purchase to qualify for student loan reimbursement, if the purchase is made after 15 July. You will need to fill out and follow the instructions on the [Computer Purchase and Lease](#) form from the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Questions about this form and submission of the paperwork should be directed to the financial aid program manager, Deedee Colussy (deedee.colussy@cuanschutz.edu or 303.724.9117).

Laptop minimum specifications

Must be in good physical condition and run a currently supported Operating System

Windows 10 (Windows 7 and 8 not supported)

or macOS 10.15 or newer

HDMI video output (some laptops will require an adapter, see FAQ)

Webcam and microphone for video calls

8+ GB RAM

Antivirus : Only built-in Windows Defender and [Avira](#) for Macs are allowed for Exams

File Backup (USB drive with Windows File History or Apple Time Machine, and/or cloud backup service - see FAQ)

Note: Above are **minimum** requirements. Students use personal laptops for exams so reliable operation is important. If the physical condition of your laptop affects its reliability, please replace it!

Student discounts are available from [Dell](#), [Microsoft](#), and [Apple](#).

We look forward to meeting you at orientation.

Sincerely,

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FAQ

- **What kind of video adapter will I need for HDMI?:** If your laptop doesn't have a built-in HDMI port you will need an adapter. Many new laptops use USB-C for video output, including all Apple laptops and recent MS Surface devices. Older laptops often use mini DisplayPort. HDMI adapters for each of these standards are inexpensive and widely available.



If you are unsure what kind of adapter you need, open a request at <https://medschool.zendesk.com> under the 'Medical Student Support' queue. Please include the make and model of your laptop, and if possible, a picture of the video output port.

- **What software should I have loaded on my laptop? For Mac and PC:**

Adobe Acrobat Reader <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

NOTE: Adobe Acrobat must be used to save PDF forms correctly.

Microsoft Office (O365) You have access to [Office 365 Enterprise](#) at no cost to you.

Please see the following instructions to install it on up to 5 personal devices

[Install Office 365 - Windows](#)

[Install Office 365 - Mac](#)

[Install Office 365 - Mobile](#)

Anti-Virus: We require your laptop to have antivirus software. Windows 10 laptops should use the built-in Microsoft Defender. Most laptops include third part AV (Norton, McAfee, etc.) please remove these before your first exam. For Macs, both the free and paid versions of [Avira](#) are supported. Other AV software may cause problems with the Exemplify testing software.

ExamSoft Exemplify: Used for electronic exams in the first two years of the program. You will receive installation instructions in August <https://www.examssoft.com/ucdenvermed>

Zoom: Video conference software, university portal: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/>. Download and install the client software at <https://zoom.us/download>

Virtual Human Dissector: Used for anatomy training during Human Body Block. Installation instructions and download link provided in a later email <https://www.toltech.net/anatomy-software/solutions/vh-dissector-for-medical-education>

Phone/Tablet email: Outlook app required to support multi-factor authentication. Download from [Apple app store](#) or [Google Play store](#).

UCD Webmail/Office 365 portal: <https://office.com> and sign in with CUAnschutz email