

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

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Minimum Hardware Requirements

- A broadband internet connection (Cable/DSL/Satellite)

Microsoft Windows*

Windows 8 | Windows 10

- 4 GB RAM (8 GB recommended)
- 128 GB Hard drive or higher, Solid State recommended
- Speakers or headphones
- A webcam is required

Mac OS X

Version 10.10 - Yosemite or higher

- 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)
- 128 GB Hard drive or higher
- A webcam and speakers are incorporated into all Macs

To fully participate in courses, you must use a PC or a Mac. A Chromebook, tablet, or mobile device is insufficient for the demands of Parker University courses, though, they can be used to perform some academic activities and thereby supplement the use of a desktop or laptop computer.

* Doctor of Chiropractic students are provided a school laptop with Windows 10 in order to utilize Parker's Electronic Health Record software for their course and clinical work starting in Trimester 6.

Required Software

[Microsoft Office365](#) – free of charge to all active Parker University students via their university account

[Adobe Reader 11 or higher](#) - free download

[Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

What is [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)? It is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment for tests taken in Blackboard. If your instructor requires that you use the Respondus LockDown Browser, you need to download and install the browser and use it to log in to Blackboard to take the test.

Browser

Firefox and Chrome are the recommended browsers for accessing the Blackboard Learning Management System and other course software.

- [Firefox 57.0 or higher](#)
- [Google Chrome 63 or higher](#)
- [Apple Safari 12+](#)
- [Edge 42 or higher](#)

Parker Email

You are **required** to use your Parker University student email account for your online course. Parker's email is accessible 24/7 from any computer with a web browser.

Antivirus and Malware Software

We highly recommend that you purchase anti-virus / anti-malware for your computer or laptop, **even if you have a Mac**. There are free versions available, however, they are typically minimally featured and frequently advertise their paid versions. Some common antivirus/malware software options are below. The best one for you will depend on your specific needs and budget:

- [Malwarebytes](#)
- [BitDefender](#)
- [Norton](#)
- [AVG](#)
- [ESET](#)

Assistance

If your computer doesn't meet these requirements, you should contact your Financial Aid advisor to see if you qualify for additional funding to purchase a computer. If you have specific questions regarding your technology, please have work with the Parker University IT Service Desk at servicedesk@parker.edu or 214 902 2430.

Acknowledgement:

I have read and understand the above technology requirements and hereby acknowledge that in order to successfully complete my program I will need to own and utilize said technologies for communication with program faculty and staff, access to course content, assignment submission, and dialogue with fellow classmates and colleagues.

Name (Please Print):

Signature:

Date:

Email Address: