Computer Requirements

For a student to be successful in the Salus University's Blindness and Low Vision Studies blended on-line education program, access to appropriate hardware and software are key elements of the learning environment. You will use a computer to download course materials, to complete assignments, exams, and work on other tasks. With this in mind, you will be expected to have access to and use the hardware and software described below.

Please note that due to the rapid rate of change in information technology, we anticipate that hardware and software competencies will be updated on a regular basis.

Hardware & Peripherals

You are required to have use of a computer system with the following specifications and components:

- 2 GHz processor or faster
- 4GB RAM or greater
- 160GB hard drive or larger
- Cable/DSL broadband connection or better
- 1024x768 resolution monitor or greater and supporting video card
- Sound card with speakers
- Computer microphone (headset preferred)
- Webcam (HD)

Software/Applications

You are required to have use of the following operating systems and applications:

- Operating system:
    - Windows 7 or Windows 8.1
    - Mac OS 10.4 or later
- Productivity Software
    - Microsoft Office 365 2016 (Provided by Salus University) recommended
    - Instructions will be provided

- One of the following Internet browsers:
    - Mozilla Firefox 35 or later
    - Google Chrome 37 or later

- Adobe® Reader 9.0 or later
- Adobe Flash plug-in 10.0 or later
- Adobe Shockwave Plugin 11.0 or higher
- Apple QuickTime Plugin & Player Version 7 or above
- Windows Media Player & Plugin Version 10 or above
- System configured to allow installation of browser plug-ins as required
- Local administrative privileges (for required software installations)
- Anti-virus program (updated regularly)
- Wireless adapter (Laptops) supporting at least g(54mb) or n (1gb) compatibility
- Broadband Internet access

Computer Accessibility

The College of Education and Rehabilitation (CER) recommends the following options for computer accessibility in order to ensure that your computer's operating system is up-to-date with the most recent accessibility technology.

The operating systems on some computers already have some features that include these accessibility technologies:

- Changing font size
- Changing size of desktop icons
- Magnification of portions of your screen

- Converting text to speech
- Altering background color
- Captioning for audio
- Speech recognition such as JAWS, Zoomtext

Accessibility for Operating Systems

Both Microsoft and Apple provide additional accessibility guides, tutorials, and tips for use on your computer.   Visit the [Microsoft](#) or [Apple](#) website for information beyond the documents provided here.

Note: Due to the rapid rate of change in Information Technology, required hardware and software and technology skills are updated often.

Directions how to Install Office365

Here are the directions on how to install Office365. If you have any problems please stop back in and we will be happy to help you.

1. Click on the following link: http://products.office.com/en-us/student/office-in-education
2. Click on the "students" tab.
3. Click on the "Get started for free" tab.
4. Enter your Salus university email address, do not enter your personal email address.
5. You will be asked to enter a password for your account.
6. After you complete the registration process a verification email will be sent to your Salus address.
7. Go to your Salus email account and verify it by clicking on the link provided by Microsoft in the verification email, it will then redirect you to the Office365 login page.
8. You will have to go to this login page on each device you need to install Office 365, it will sense your platform and provide the proper download file for that device.
9. Follow the installation instructions for whatever device you are logged in with and you will be up and running.
10. All future updates will be sent to your Salus email address with links to perform the upgrades.