

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE MEDICAL CAMPUS

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Laptop - Minimum Requirements:

Our program is committed to maintaining the highest standards of excellence in teaching through the use of technology. Each student in the PTA program is **required** to have a laptop with Wi-Fi capability for use throughout the curriculum. If you do not have one and receive financial aid you may use your refund to purchase the device and brand of your choice. We included the minimum required specifications below. You may also borrow a laptop from our campus Learning Resources Library for up to 14 days at a time.

A laptop will allow you to access useful features and software, including: an MDC mobile student portal for viewing grades, course schedules, and adding classes. You will also be able to use your MDC Student email account and calendars, listen to lectures and podcasts, use a student response system in class, read e-books, and download specially designed applications and more! Please make sure you have your mobile device **prior** to the start of classes on January.

- Intel Core i3 or AMD Ryzen 3
(Intel i5 or higher preferred)
- 8GB RAM
- 250GB HDD (SSD preferred)
- DVDRW - Optional
- 13" Display or larger
- Windows 10 or newer OS
- Updated Antivirus protection

Please note these are **MINIMUM** requirements for your device. You may have a device that exceeds these requirements.

Average price is around \$500. Discounts are available for MDC students. Discount links are located within the home student web portal under Resources - Support.

Also, although Apple devices are popular for videos and applications, they do not work well with Blackboard, the College's Learning Management System (LMS). If you plan to log into Blackboard with an Apple device, you may experience some difficulties due to browser issues. The ideal browser for Blackboard is Mozilla Firefox.

If you have any questions regarding technology or the minimum requirements you can present them at orientation or contact:

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