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Welcome MSU-CVM Class of 2020!

All incoming veterinary students must have a laptop or tablet that meets the minimum requirements to run software used by the College of Veterinary Medicine. Both Windows and Apple are compatible in most cases, with the exception of the College’s radiology imaging system (called PACS), which requires Windows for the full viewer. A privacy filter for your laptop is also required for all first-year DVM students, since the vast majority of your exams will be given using the Examsoft electronic examination system. Filters are available for most laptop models at Amazon and other retailers: http://goo.gl/ggsWDL

Please note: devices such as Chromebooks, Linux laptops and tablets running Android or iOS are not compatible with CVM software and may not be used as your primary device.

For the Windows platform, the minimum requirements are: Windows 7/8/10; 2GHz processor; 2GB RAM. If you need to purchase a computer, we recommend one of these options:

- Surface Pro 4 - Intel Core i7 - 16GB RAM - 256GB Flash Storage - $1,799 - http://goo.gl/A76akx

For the Apple platform, the minimum requirements are: MAC OS X 10.9, 10.10 or 10.11; Intel processor; 2GB RAM. If you need to purchase a computer, we recommend one of these options:

- Apple MacBook Pro - 13 in. Retina Display - 8GB RAM - 256GB Flash Storage - $1,399 - https://goo.gl/Mp29wH

I recommend purchasing from the MSU Computer Store when possible. You will typically receive discounted pricing and a better warranty. The MSU Computer Store also offers repair services and has loaner laptops available, should yours have any issues. You are making a significant investment in your education over the next four years, so I highly recommend purchasing a new (reliable) laptop or tablet that will last the duration of your DVM professional program.

The Surface Pro 4 is a great device. It can function as a laptop in your pre-clinical courses, then convert to a tablet when you are in clinics. Please feel free to contact ITSupport@cvm.msu.edu if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you this Fall!

Sincerely,

-Rob

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