

FVI School of Nursing and Technology

Technical Requirement and Orientation Policy for Distance Education (Live Online) and Hybrid/Blended Education

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Distance Education (Live Online Instruction) Policy:

A distance education (live online or hybrid) courses are courses in which:

- More than half of the course is delivered electronically using the internet or other computer-based method.
- Teaching is conducted from a remote location.
- Students have access to the instructor remotely, in-person or both; and
- Learning is achieved through an integrated learning experience.

Sufficient technology is required to complete distance education (online or hybrid) courses at FVI School of Nursing and Technology. While a tablet, smart phone and other mobile devices may allow from some completion of course work, they will not work in all areas.

Distance Education (Live Online) courses are delivered 100% through Live Online or synchronous distance education format.

All programs offered by FVI are taught through a combination of live online, hybrid or on campus residential format. Most programs contain an externship or clinical which students are required to travel to at his/her own expense at an approved healthcare facility.

FVI School of Nursing and Technology programs utilize an instructor-led live online or synchronous learning environment. Classes offered via a hybrid delivery will require students to attend class up to two days per week at the enrolled campus. There are some programs that may also be offered via 100% face to face delivery where students are required to physically attend all classes at the campus where he/she enrolled.

Online Orientation and Technical Requirements

All courses regardless of delivery method will require the use of a laptop or computer.

The new student orientation provides an overview of the online learning environment. The syllabus for each course is available in the FVI Learning Management System and delineates student learning objectives.

Students who purchase a laptop through the school should receive a laptop on the first day of the program start. If a student chooses to buy one on their own, he/she will need to ensure that his/her own equipment meets the minimum hardware and software requirements to participate in his/her program.

In addition to meeting foregoing admissions requirements, prospective students for a live online or an online hybrid program must:

- Have reliable Internet access.
- Meet the technical requirements shown below.
- Participate in orientation prior to the start of the program which includes:

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- A browser check to ensure compliance with technical computer requirements.
- An introduction to online learning and FVI resources and support teams
- An overview of FVI's Learning Management System, i.e., Canvas.
- Information regarding policies, navigating the online course and resources to aid in the learning process.

To ensure student's online learning experience is satisfying, FVI School of Nursing/School of Technology requires the following minimum hardware, operating system, software, and Internet specifications:

Hardware:

- Windows computer with a 2.0 GHz frequency CPU speed or above
- MAC computer (Intel Processor) with a 2.0 GHz frequency CPU speed or above Intel Core 2 Duo CPU
- 4 GB Memory (RAM) or above
- 64 GB of free hard drive space
- 1366 x 768 or higher computer screen resolution
- Ethernet connection (LAN) or wireless adapter (Wi-Fi)
- Integrated video and sound card
- Internal or External webcam and microphone
- Speakers

***Chromebooks and mobile devices such as tablets and smart phones are NOT fully compatible with all features within the online course or learning resources.**

Operating Systems (OS):

- Windows 10
- Mac OS X: 10.12 (Sierra), 10.13 (High Sierra), or 10.14 Mojave), 10.15 (Catalina) or newer

Internet Browser

Both Windows and Mac Computers:

- Mozilla Firefox 68 and 69 (stable channel) at mozilla.org
- Google Chrome 76 and 77 (stable channel) at google.com/chrome
 - Latest versions are not compatible with Flash Player

Mac Computers:

- Safari Versions 12 and 13

Internet Service Providers

- A reliable high-speed internet connection is required (upload and download speeds of at least 5Mbps)

Browser Configurations

- Disable Pop-up Blockers
 - Enable Cookies in Browser
 - Enable JavaScript

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NOTE: Students enrolled in a program with all programs must have access to a working computer or laptop and have internet access. If you have a tablet or smart phone, it is important that students understand that all classroom functions are not accessible on a tablet, smart phone, or other mobile device.