PAS Program Student Technology Policy

Electronic devices are welcome (unless specified otherwise by a faculty) for the purpose of notetaking, research on topics under discussion, and/or review of PowerPoints. Devices are not to be used for texting, talking, messaging, or surfing the web in the classroom.

Student Electronic Devices (e.g., Laptops, iPads, Surface Pro Tablet)

Students are required to own or have access to an electronic device for testing using ExamSoft/Examplify, accessing Blackboard Ultra and email, taking notes, performing research, viewing videos, creating research presentations, blogging, and logging clinical experience data. The PAS program recommends the minimum system requirements (MSR) based on our computer-based assessment system, Examplify®/ExamSoft® requirements: https://examsoft.com/resources/examplify-minimum-system-requirements. Please be aware that these MSRs could change.

Students must ask their preceptors for permission to use a cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device during their work hours on clinical rotations. Electronic devices should be limited to accessing learning resources and databases such as Up to Date, Dynamed, StatPearls, or Epocrates. Receiving phone calls and e-mails or accessing social media during working hours is unprofessional and distracts from student learning opportunities. Using an iPad or tablet is the preferred option as it is more suited to learning-related tasks and appears more professional than a cellphone.