

**UW-Eau Claire  
CSD Online Grad Program  
Technology Requirements**

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Students seeking enrollment in the UWEC CSD online graduate program must consider themselves as having a high degree of potential for success with the technical aspects of an online graduate program (e.g., hardware, software, internet applications, etc.). Furthermore, candidates must be motivated to take a lead role in problem-solving and troubleshooting technological challenges as they arise including working with the UWEC Helpdesk and accessing his/her own supports/resources. The following document outlines the technical requirements for enrolling in the CSD online graduate program at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.

- Personal computer or standard laptop: In order to access the internet sufficiently, create course and clinical requirements, and video conference a higher end PC or Mac desktop or laptop computer is essential for successful participation in this online graduate program. A Chrome or Netbook is INSUFFICIENT for this purpose.
- Internet Browser for Desire2Learn (D2L): In order to access D2L, an Internet browser is required. Examples of Internet browsers include Internet Explorer and Firefox and can be downloaded for free from the Internet.
- Internet Connection: An Internet service provider is required. If available in your area, a satellite, DSL, or cable modem connection is recommended. Using a dial-up Internet connection will not support some of the online grad program applications and is highly discouraged. **—Access to the essential Microsoft products is provided FREE by UWEC through Office 365. Students can utilize this application throughout the duration of their grad program.**
- Ability to Playback Videos: Being able to playback videos throughout the course will be important. Examples of video playback software include VLC Player, iTunes, Windows Media Player, and Quicktime, all of which can be downloaded from the Internet for free.
- Screen Capture Software: Online graduate students will be required to create screencast productions at different points and to satisfy different requirements and competencies throughout their program. Free, online applications will be sufficient for this purpose including iSpring Free, Screencastomatic, and Educreations (for the iPad).
- USB Headset/Mic Recommended: In order to properly record voiceovers and to participate in video conferencing a USB headset/mic is required.
- Mobile Device Usage: All CSD online graduate students will need access to a mobile device for generating and sharing certain specific course/clinical work/requirements. Many mobile devices like the iPad, Kindle Fire, or Microsoft Surface may meet the needs of the technical requirements for the program. Check with the Graduate Coordinator to see if your device (or one you can access) will suffice.
- Printer: Many times it will be important to print course documents or clinical items (such as reports and lesson plans). A printer or consistent and reliable access to printing is essential.
- Scanner or Mobile Device App for Scanning: Many times during the academic and clinical experiences, students will be required to scan and upload or email items. Convenient access to scanning is critical.