**Required Laptop Purchase for Interactive Media Design program students**

Students entering the Interactive Media Design Associate Degree program will be required to purchase a laptop computer. Students will have the option to purchase an Apple MacBook Pro or a Windows based PC laptop. Students must purchase a laptop that meets the required, minimum specifications as listed below.

The laptop purchase, along with the required purchase of the Adobe Master Creative Cloud software, will provide students with their own, portable computer lab, and the tools they will need upon entering the work force.

The interactive Media industry uses both the Mac based platform and the IMB/ Windows PC based platforms. It becomes a user’s choice to what they are most comfortable with. The 3D program, 3D Studio Max, that is taught at MPTC is a PC based program. It does not run on the Mac computers. We do teach the 3D animation classes in PC labs, so it isn’t necessary to own a PC computer to take the 3D animation classes. The advantage to purchasing a PC based computer will allow the student the flexibility to work on their 3D class work in their own time schedule.

The laptops are available through the MPTC Book Store on the West Bend Campus. MPTC students will receive an educational discount negotiated by the college. All required software will be available through the MPTC West Bend campus bookstore at a discounted price. Financial aid may cover all or a portion of these purchases. To find out how much, please contact Student Services by phone: (920) 924-3207 or e-mail: financialaid@morainepark.edu. This computer is something that you will rely on for quite some time, even after graduation.

MPTC Student Computer Clinic will be available to assist with software setup and maintenance such as setting up e-mail, connecting to the server, printing, etc.

If you have any questions about the laptop or laptop purchase, please feel free to contact Tom Ward, or Joe Sibilski, Interactive Media Design Faculty, by e-mail: jsibilski@morainepark.edu or phone: (262) 335-5772
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**Required Minimum Specifications:**

**MacBook Pro - 15-inch: 2.6GHz**

- 2.6GHz quad-core Intel Core i7
- Turbo Boost up to 3.6GHz
- 8GB 1600MHz memory
- 750GB 5400-rpm hard drive
- Intel HD Graphics 4000
- NVIDIA GeForce GT 650M with 1GB of GDDR5 memory
- AppleCare Protection Plan for MacBook Pro – 2 year enrollment
Required Minimum Specifications:
PC Windows operating system laptop* (minimum specifications)

- 3rd Generation Intel® Core™ i7-3632QM processor
- Windows 7 or Windows 8, 64-bit, English
- 14" 1080p Display
- 8GB\(^\d\) DDR3 SDRAM at 1600MHz
- 750GB 7200 HDD with 32GB mSATA (Flash Memory)
- Optical drive (Reads and Writes to DVD/CD)
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GT 640M with 2GB GDDR5 VRAM – It is important to have a dedicated video card with these minimum specs.
- Warranty : at least 1 Year

* The make and brand are your choice