

AORN's Periop 101: A Core Curriculum™

Computer Specifications & IT Best Practices

This online course is entirely internet-based.

System Requirements

Operating System

Windows (95, 98, ME, 2000, NT, XP), or MAC OS 9 (or higher)

Hardware

- RAM: 64MB (128MB recommended)
- Free Disk Space: 5MB (10MB recommended)
- CPU Speed: 266Mhz (500Mhz recommended)
- Internet Access: 56k modem (DSL or Cable modem recommended)

Software

- Internet Browser
- Internet Explorer (IE) version 6.0 or higher or Netscape Navigator 4.7 or higher
- Cookies enabled
- Sun Microsystems Java and JavaScript enabled because some courses and tests use JavaScript for communication and passing data (You must have Sun Microsystems Java—other types of Java, including Microsoft VM, do not always work correctly with our application.)
Settings:
 - If you are using **IE7**, Java version 6 update 11
 - If you are using **IE6**, use the latest possible version of Java—we recommend Java 6 update 1.5—*but be sure to stay either below or above Java 6 update 5*—that particular version has issues with the courseware
- Latest version of Flash
- Windows Media Player
- IMPORTANT! Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - To download the latest version, go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> and click *Download Now*
- 1024 x 768 resolution at 32-bit color depth

Proxy Server/Firewall

- Ensure that all traffic To/From www.aornonlineeducation.org is unrestricted.
- If possible, do not use cached data from this URL.

Network

- This URL has a 20 minute time-out on our network side, except for the My Courses page. The My Courses page does not time-out in order to allow students as much time as they need to complete courses/tests. Your network should not enforce any time-out for this URL.
- Add [aornonlineeducation.org](http://www.aornonlineeducation.org) as a trusted site on the server level.

Local Machines

- Our LMS uses cookies/sessions to track course/test progress. Do not enforce higher than standard or medium IE security settings on local machines. The standard settings allow proper communication. Lowering them is not necessary.
- Turn off your pop-up blockers for your browser..
- We have found that some networks encounter instability with Internet Explorer. For these facilities, you might try the browser called FireFox by Mozilla. You can get a free download of this browser at <http://www.mozilla.com>. Firefox seems to be more stable for some of our users, and they encounter less time out and dropping issues.