As an Occupational Therapy Assistant student at WITC, you are required to have 24-hour access to the Internet. All 514 courses require a Blackboard component. Blackboard is the way the instructor and your classmates communicate with you. In at least 1 course per semester, you will have a group project with students from the other campuses (Ashland, New Richmond, and Rice Lake). Blackboard provides a way to communicate to complete course assignments.

Blackboard also houses documents (Powerpoint, Word, and PDF files) required for lectures. Some courses may have video streaming located within Blackboard. Online quizzes through blackboard are also common. We have many activities that will involve e-mail assignments, discussion board critical thinking exercises, and Internet searches for each course unit in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program. We believe computer skills are as essential to your success as the OTA skills you will acquire at WITC.

It is recommended you purchase or lease a computer with Internet access. Here is the college link for computer hardware and software specifications recommended by WITC https://www.witc.edu/academic-programs/find-your-program/flexible-learning-options/online/technology-requirements

If you are unable to purchase or lease, you may make use of the resources on campus, but be aware that you will be faced with accessing the equipment to work on your assignments on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check the LRC hours of operation.

Specifics requirements include:
Microsoft Office 365 is provided through WITC email
WITC Email address
Working knowledge of computer skills, internet applications, and ability to send and retrieve attachments
An inexpensive ($100) color ink jet printer or you may print from campus for a fee

Useful technology (you may want to consider purchase of)
Digital Camera or phone with a camera or tablet with ability to take photo
Laptop or tablet

Use in the Program
You will be using iPads in the program for pictures, video, and apps. The iPad will be provided by the OTA program to use during scheduled labs and scheduled off campus activities. They are not able to be used for personal use, or checked out overnight.