

University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus ARS Student FAQ

Q: My instructor tells me I need to buy a clicker. What do I need to do?

A: You will need to purchase either a physical clicker or a ResponseWare license? Either is available online, or at the Auraria bookstore for a small markup.

Q: What's the difference between a clicker and ResponseWare?

A: A clicker is a physical device. A ResponseWare license allows you use an App on your Apple or Android Phone. You can also use ResponseWare on most web browsers (PC, tablet, etc.).

Q: OK, ResponseWare sounds like the way to go. Why is my instructor insisting I purchase a physical clicker?

A: ResponseWare requires a reliable wireless network connection. Your instructor may be concerned that the classroom they are in may not have a reliable wireless internet connection.

Q: And why do I need to purchase this at all? I'm already paying tuition, and don't get me started on how much textbooks cost...

A: When used effectively, Audience Response has been shown to dramatically increase student retention of materials....by as much as 40%. It also allows instructors to ask questions anonymously, and can increase student engagement.

Q: Ok, I get it. So what do I need to do now?

A: You will need to purchase a clicker or ResponseWare license. You may also need to register via the Canvas course shell for your course. Your instructor should provide you with specific instructions.

Q: Anything else I need to know?

A: When Turning Technologies releases a major software upgrade, it is possible that student registration information may get lost. Save the copy of your license information when you purchase it.