



# University of Connecticut Health Center Academic Year 2007-2008 PDA Requirements



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Dear Classes of 2009 and 2010,

Welcome to the second and third year of medical school! It's now time to add a PDA to your array of patient care clinical tools. This is a required resource to access current information as you expand your clinical experiences. The SOM Faculty and the Library's Computer Education Center (CEC) staff have evaluated various software and hardware options, and have selected the HP iPAQ 2495 or the HP iPAQ 2795 Pocket PC as the required model because they are compatible with all programs currently required in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Details about each model and the software you will need are below.

### **Purchasing a PDA**

You may purchase either of these models through the UConn Co-op at either the UCHC bookstore branch located here, or at the main campus in Storrs. The Computer Education Center (CEC) staff of the library is readily available to answer questions regarding your purchase of a PDA.

### **Financial Aid**

The financial aid package stipulates that the money earmarked for the purchase of PDAs be restricted to the required PDA models. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information if you have questions concerning this topic. (860) 679-3574 or email [devereux@uchc.edu](mailto:devereux@uchc.edu)

### **Operating System**

A Pocket PC running Windows Mobile 5.0 is the required operating system for your PDA, due to curricular requirements. This is the only PDA that will download the **UCHC Student Experience Log** program. **Please note that Palm PDAs and Smart phones do not meet UCHC PDA requirements.**

| HP iPAQ 2495             |                           | HP iPAQ 2795             |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Operating System:</b> | Windows Mobile 5.0        | <b>Operating System:</b> | Windows Mobile 5.0   |
| <b>Processor:</b>        | 520 MHz                   | <b>Processor:</b>        | 624 MHz  |
| <b>Memory: *</b>         | RAM: 64 MB<br>ROM: 192 MB | <b>Memory:**</b>         | RAM: 64 MB<br>ROM: 320 MB  |
| <b>Price:*</b>           | \$399                     | <b>Price:*</b>           | \$499  |
| <b>Advantage:</b>        | Less Expensive            | <b>Advantage:</b>        | Faster Processor,<br>fingerprint reader<br>security, more memory |

\*Please note memory and pricing options may vary. These are the current prices as of March 2007. .

## Memory

In addition to the memory for required programs, you will want space for document storage, photo storage, and additional software that you may use. We recommend that you purchase a 256 MB (or higher) SD Card. These are available at the UConn Co-op as well as many retail stores or online. The table below outlines how much memory is needed for each program. However, programs take up additional memory while they are being downloaded.

| Required Software |       | Additional Software   |        |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| InfoRetriever     | 64 MB | Archimedes            | 1 MB   |
| Lexi-Select       | 44 MB | DynaMed               | 25 MB  |
| Shots             | 4 MB  | Pediatric Development | 300 KB |
| UCHC Student Log  | 1 MB  | Pocket Consult        | 2 MB   |

This software and downloading instructions are available on the CEC's page. Look for the PDA Resources tab at the top. There is no additional charge to you for this software which is licensed by the library.

New PDAs do not connect with the secure wireless network at UCHC because of software changes made in Windows Mobile 5.0. However, you will be able to access the JDH public wireless network available throughout many areas here at UCHC. You will also be able to use public wireless networks at airports or coffee shops and bookstores, so you will have internet access.

For further information regarding the purchase of your PDA, software installations, and connecting to the wireless network, please contact the Computer Education Center of the library at (860) 679-8870. You may also email the CEC staff directly: Ben Smith [bensmith@uchc.edu](mailto:bensmith@uchc.edu) or Nancy Mainelli [mainelli@uchc.edu](mailto:mainelli@uchc.edu).

The Library webpage also provides a wealth of information on PDA software and usage (<http://library.uchc.edu/>) Click on PDA Resources or visit the CEC webpage and click on PDA Support. We've posted some FAQs on the CEC page including information about why Palms or Smart Phones won't work as well.

We look forward to working with you!

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