

2008 UConn Health Center PDA Recommendations

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Dear Class of 2010,

It's now time to add a PDA to your array of patient care clinical tools. You will need them during PBL this next semester for Clinical Reasoning and for your clinical experiences next year. You will also use them to log your patient experiences. We have evaluated various software and hardware options, and have selected the HP iPAQ 2490 as the required model because it's compatible with the software programs you'll need. Details about this model and the software you will need are below. As always CEC staff is readily available to answer questions regarding purchasing PDAs and assisting with installing programs.

Recommended PDA	
HP iPAQ 2490	
Price: \$356 - \$399*	Operating System: Windows Mobile 5
Processor: 520 MHz	Memory: 192 MB ROM, 64 MB RAM
Included: USB Sync Cradle, AC Power Adapter	Included: Mobile Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word

Purchasing a PDA

PDAs are available for purchase through Advanced Computer Technologies, Inc. (ACT) as well as online vendors. For more information on purchasing, visit: <http://library.uhc.edu/departm/cec/pda/pdaPur.html>

Memory

In addition to your PDA it is highly recommended that you purchase at least a 256 MB SD card. SD cards give you additional storage space for documents and programs. SD cards are available through the Advanced Computer Technologies, UConn Co-op, many retail stores, and online for a minimal cost.

Operating System

A Pocket PC device running Windows Mobile is required to install all of the recommended PDA software applications. The recommended PDAs have the correct operating system installed on them.

Software Recommendations

PDA medical software recommendations can be found on the library website at:

<http://library.uhc.edu/departm/cec/pda/pdaRec.html>

More PDA Information can be found at:

<http://library.uhc.edu/departm/cec/pda/pdaGen.html>

Financial Aid

You can purchase the PDAs using financial aid money this year. 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

Wireless

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

Assistance

CEC staff is available to answer general, purchasing, and installation PDA questions as well as offering assistance with PDA software installations. You may call (860) 679-8870 or email CEC Staff for assistance.

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PDA Software Memory Requirements

Software	Space Requirement	Software	Space Requirement
Archimedes	3.7 MB	Lexi-Select	55 MB
Diagnosaurus	1.1 MB	Shots	3.8 MB
DynaMed	25 MB	Student Experience Log	
InfoRetriever	64 MB	Total	152.6 MB (w/o student log)