
A VPN (Virtual Private Network) provides a secure, encrypted tunnel from your computer to UHCL’s network when off campus. UHCL offers VPN software to allow authenticated, secure access to many UHCL resources from home. In order to utilize this service you must have:
1. A broadband connection.
2. Windows 7 (for these instructions; other operating systems have other instructions)

Support for VPN is limited. Read the entire document before proceeding and refer to the troubleshooting section before contacting the Support Center at 281-283-2828.

Minimum Requirements

We cannot guarantee functionality or provide support for systems that do not meet the following minimum requirements.
• Operating System: Windows 7
• Pre-existing broadband Internet connection, such as DSL or Cable. Dial up access is not supported.

WARNING: These instructions are not intended for use on your office’s desktop computer. Computers on the UHCL campus are already connected to the UHCL network and do not require VPN.

Configuring a VPN Connection on your home computer

1. Click on the Windows button in the lower left corner of your screen and choose “Control Panel” from the menu.
2. Click “Network and Internet.”
3. Click “Network and Sharing Center.”
4. Under “Change your networking settings” click “Set up a new connection or network.”

5. Click “Connect to a workplace.”

6. Click “No, create a new connection.”

7. Choose “Use my Internet Connection (VPN).”
8. Use the following settings:
   - Internet address: vpn.uhcl.edu
   - Destination name: UHCL VPN Connection
   - Uncheck “Use a smart card.”
   - Uncheck “Allow other people to use this connection.”
   - Check “Don’t connect now; just set it up so I can connect later.”

9. Click “Next”

10. Type your UHCL User name – this is the same user name (or userID) that you would use to log on to your office computer on campus.
    - Uncheck “Show characters.”
    - Uncheck “Remember this password.”

UCT recommends that you do not ‘save’ this password. Your password is required to change every 120 days; storing it here will require you to edit your connection settings every time you change your password or risk having your account locked.

11. Click “Create.” Your VPN connection is now ready to use!

12. Click “Connect now” – You will be prompted for your password.
Connecting to VPN

1. Click on the Windows button in the lower left corner of your screen and choose “Control Panel” from the menu.
2. Click “Network and Internet.”
3. Click “Network and Sharing Center.”
4. Click “Connect to a network.”
5. Choose UHCL from the list under “Dial-up and VPN.”
6. Click “Connect”
7. You will be prompted to login.
8. To disconnect, click on the UHCL connection in the “Network and Sharing Center.”
9. This will open the Status window
10. Click Disconnect