
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 8 (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 8
- 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. Search for “Settings”, then “VPN”
2. Click “Set up a virtual private network”
3. Enter vpn.uhcl.edu for the internet address.
   - Uncheck “Use a smart card.”
   - Uncheck “Remember my credentials”
   - Uncheck “Allow other people to use this connection.”
4. Enter a Destination name for the connection. The exact name is up to you.
5. Under “Networks”, there will be a new listing for the VPN connection that was just created. Click on the connection and then on “Connect”.

6. You will be prompted for your UHCL credentials. 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.

7. You will then be presented with server “trust” message. Click on “Connect”.

8. After a period of configuring, the status will be listed as “Connected”.

Network Authentication

User name

Password

Domain:

OK Cancel