
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 Vista (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 Vista
• 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.”

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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

9. Click “Next.”

10. Type your UHCL User name – this is the same user name (or user id) 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.