

UTHSC College of Nursing
Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) Requirements and Recommendations
For Students Starting Coursework in July 2008
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This document applies to students starting their coursework in the College of Nursing in July 2008 only. Existing students should continue to adhere to the requirements that were in place for their incoming class.

All BSN students are required to purchase a personal digital assistant (PDA). MSN and DNP students should consult with their option coordinators to see if they are required to have a PDA. PhD students are not required to have a PDA but may want one for personal use and organization.

Each student who is required to have a PDA must have her or his device BEFORE the start of the Nursing on-campus orientation in July 2008 and bring it every day of orientation. This is very important because part of orientation is dedicated to helping students properly set up the PDA.

Below is a list of minimum hardware and software requirements (those components of your PDA that you must have) as well as a recommendation for a PDA model that meets the requirements. Your PDA should meet or exceed these specifications. Your professors will be using similar hardware and software and expect you to do the same.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students whose PDAs do not meet the college requirements may not receive the same level of support as those who do, as the College of Nursing's Innovative Technology Services (ITS) group focuses its expertise and support on the required systems only. Additionally, it will be the student's responsibility to make sure her/his non-compliant PDA can perform all required tasks.

MINIMUM PDA REQUIREMENTS

PDA type	PDA only. <i>No "smartphones" (combination PDA-phone devices)</i>
Platform	Windows. <i>No PalmOS.</i>
Operating system (OS)	Windows Mobile 5, Windows Mobile 6 Classic, Windows Mobile 6 Professional. <i>No Windows Mobile 6 Standard or Windows operating systems earlier than Windows Mobile 5.</i>
Software (included in OS or on CD)	Office Mobile (includes Excel, PowerPoint, and Word), Windows Media Player Mobile, Adobe PDF reader
Processor	Marvell or Intel
RAM (also called SDRAM)	64MB or more
ROM (also called FLASH ROM)	128MB or more
Display	Touch screen, color, 320x240 or higher resolution, in any size with which the student is comfortable (3.5"-4" is average)

Touch device	Stylus
Carrying case	Slip case or other protective case or shell
Dimensions	4.59" x 2.71" x 0.54", or similar
Weight	3.68 oz. (with battery), or similar
Sync device	Sync cable or cradle
Power	Rechargeable battery and AC adapter with power cord
Expansion slots	SD card slot and/or SDIO card slot

PDA OPTIONAL FEATURES RECOMMENDATIONS

These are items students may want or need based on their courses and/or personal preferences.

Warranty	One year on parts and labor; 90 days technical support for device software. IMPORTANT NOTE: Your device probably will come with a warranty.
Wireless	Allows connectivity to a wireless network (should be compatible with standard 802.11 frequencies b, g, and/or n)
Bluetooth	Allows connectivity to an Internet-enabled mobile phone or other Bluetooth devices like earpieces and keyboards

RECOMMENDED PDA MODEL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are not required to purchase the recommended model. You can have any PDA that meets the requirements listed above.

HP iPAQ 110 or 111 Classic Handheld (also called HP iPAQ 100 Series Classic Handheld)

- The 110 and 111 model numbers refer to the same device. One number is for retail use, while the other is used in educational sales.
- Retail price (as listed on HP website on March 12, 2008): \$299.99
- Meets College of Nursing requirements plus also has Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and mini-USB 2.0 slot for syncing and charging
- Can be purchased at hp.com, walmart.com, amazon.com, circuitcity.com, and at various stores
- Visit <http://www.shopping.hp.com/product/handheld/PC/1/storefronts/FA979AA%2523ABA> for full specifications

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