

Asus Ultra Mobile PC 2nd Year Nursing Class Pilot Project

Introduction:

With support from a Vincennes University Wathen grant, the Shake Learning Resources Center and the Health Science/Human Performance Division are conducting a pilot project involving student and faculty use of an Asus Ultra Mobile PC. The pilot will involve a group of second year nursing students and health science faculty. The purpose of the pilot is to test the effectiveness of a mobile PC in promoting student learning, accessing electronic resources, and enhancing communications among faculty and students. Participants in the pilot project will be loaned an Asus UMPC for the duration of the 2008-2009 academic year. If a student leaves Vincennes University for any reason, he/she must return the Asus to the University. Students are encouraged to utilize the Asus not only in nursing classes, but for general college work as well. Any student that finds he/she is not using the PC should return it, so that another student can use the PC.

As a condition of receiving the Asus, participants in the pilot project will be asked to provide feedback on the effectiveness and value of the technology in promoting learning and academic success. This feedback and assessment will be vital in helping the university to plan for possible future use of mobile learning and communications technology.

Participants are expected to exercise vigilance in protecting the Asus from damage or theft. They are also required to adhere to the confidentiality policies and procedures of both Good Samaritan Hospital and Vincennes University regarding patient information and other protected information.

Hardware and software support procedures can be found on the Asus pilot project VU web site at: <http://www.vinu.edu/eee>. This site also contains orientation information on the use of the Asus.