

# Pharos Omega PS200

## Cost Recovery, Waste Reduction, and Printing Convenience are Just a Touch Away

The Pharos Omega PS200 helps educational institutions recover print/copy costs, reduce waste, and make printing more convenient for users. The Omega PS200 is a digital controller with a full-color touchscreen that displays the user interface to Pharos Uniprint®, the industry-leading cost recovery solution for higher education and K-12.

The PS200 and Uniprint together enable a new printing workflow that gives students, faculty, and staff much more control of what, when, and where they print. With this new workflow, jobs do not go directly to a particular printer. Instead they are held in a special queue. To release jobs from this queue and get them printed, users simply:

- Walk up to any printer connected to an Omega PS200 and authenticate themselves by swiping their ID card or entering their user ID on the PS200 touchscreen.
- Use the PS200 to review all the jobs they've submitted and their costs—then select the ones they need to print. The selected jobs are printed.

Users can also copy documents on a multifunction device after authenticating themselves. The PS200 displays the number of pages copied and their cost.

With the PS200 and Uniprint, students are charged for what they print and copy so they're much more careful about their document output. Faculty and staff aren't personally charged, but the PS200 shows them job costs, which helps them make better decisions about whether or not to print. And they can use the chargeback screen on the PS200 to bill the cost of their print and copy jobs to a department, grant, or contract.



*The Omega PS200 displays all of the user's queued print jobs, the cost of each job, and the total cost of all jobs selected.*



*The PS200 is compatible with any kind of printer, copier, or multifunction device.*

There's more to the story than cost recovery and chargeback. The Omega PS200 and Uniprint also dramatically reduce waste, make printing significantly more convenient and flexible, and keep documents confidential:

- Printing waste declines precipitously because the PS200 enables users to select the jobs they really need to print. Uniprint eventually moves unprinted jobs into a "digital blue bin." This digital waste never consumes paper or toner, and never ends up in a recycling truck or a landfill.
- Users can release their jobs at any printer on campus that's connected to a PS200. Moreover, if their first choice is unavailable, all they have to do is walk up to another printer, authenticate themselves, and release their jobs.
- Document confidentiality is protected because jobs are held until their owners authenticate themselves at the device and make their print selections.



## Features and Benefits

- **Cost recovery** – The Omega PS200 and Uniprint seamlessly integrate with popular campus billing systems to charge individual accounts for print and copy. Internal chargeback and streamlined billing to third parties are also supported.
- **Hardware independence** – The PS200 is compatible with all makes and models of printers, copiers, and multifunction devices.
- **Device/document security** – The PS200 ensures that output devices can only be used by authorized people. No one can print on a single-function printer—or print, copy, scan, fax, and e-mail on a multifunction device—until they've been authenticated.
- **Convenient pull printing** – Users can walk up to any PS200-enabled printing device on campus, authenticate themselves, and release their print jobs.
- **Grants** – Control and manage a shared print/copy budget with pre-established allocations and users to prevent overspending.
- **Card registration** – Dynamically register new user IDcards with login credentials to enable use of secured print/copy devices.
- **Guest cards** – Permit guest users to use guest cards to access secured print/copy devices without assigning login credentials.
- **Waste reduction** – The PS200 enables users to select the jobs they really need to print. They can delete unnecessary jobs—or let Uniprint automatically purge them after a specified amount of time passes.
- **Customizable display** – The PS200's customizable interface lets you add your institution's logos, colors, fonts, etc., enabling you to extend your school brand to your document output technology.
- **Mounting options** – The PS200 comes standard with a table mount. There are many additional mounting solutions available if you need something different.
- **Choice of authentication methods** – Users authenticate themselves by swiping their ID card across a card reader (proximity or magnetic stripe) or by entering their user ID on the PS200 touchscreen. In either case, they can optionally be required to enter a password for extra security.



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