

OVERVIEW OF THE HCT

In 1985, HE Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University, made a commitment to establish a new system of post-secondary education for UAE nationals that would stress the ideals of productivity, self-determination and excellence.

His Excellency envisioned a system of the highest quality that would be used to educate Nationals for the professional and technical careers necessary in a rapidly developing society.

In fulfillment of that vision, the Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) was established in 1988 by Federal Law No 2 issued by the Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may his soul rest in peace.

Today, the system of the HCT is the largest higher educational institution in the United Arab Emirates with the current enrollment exceeding 20,000 students.

The sixteen HCT men's and women's campuses offer an impressive range of instructional programs in the fields of Applied Media, Business, Computer Information Science, Engineering Technology and Science, Education, General Studies, Health Sciences and Military and Security with all HCT programs being delivered in English, excepting courses in Arabic and Emirati Studies.

Graduates of the HCT make immediate contributions to government, business and industrial sectors, and develop into leaders in their fields. The HCT is dedicated to student-oriented learning, which places the responsibility for education upon the students themselves and promotes lifelong learning.

Profile

Item	Number
Enrolment	24,766 students
Campuses	16
Academic & Supporting Departments	8
Graduates	64,085
Credentials	87,832

Our Vision

The Higher Colleges of Technology is the leading applied higher education institution in empowering generations to contribute to shaping the future of the UAE.

Our Purpose

Being the talent and skill incubator to deliver the national vision.

Values

Creativity & Innovation, Accountability, Integrity, Excellence, Respect, Community Spirit, Service to Society

Strategic Aspirations

- **Aspiration One:** Education towards wealth creating careers.
- **Aspiration Two:** Personalized anytime, anywhere education and service.
- **Aspiration Three:** Relevant and socially engaging student journey.

- **Aspiration Four:** Launching startups with economic impact.
- **Aspiration Five:** The destination for applied higher education.

HCT Institutional Strengths

HCT's institutional strengths that differentiate it from other higher educational institutions in the UAE are:

- **commitment to educational access** - HCT is an access institution for the UAE built upon twenty-five years of producing high quality Emirati graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce and contribute to economic development and UAE society;
- **practical application of knowledge** - HCT is a national resource for connecting the practical application of knowledge to workforce needs and applications. This is the cornerstone of the HCT learning model and its educational philosophy;
- **the quality of our faculty and learning environment** - HCT faculty possess both academic qualifications and professional experience which combined with the HCT's state of the art teaching and learning resources, technologies and facilities provide students with a high class educational experience. The quality and high employment rate of its graduates are reflective of the quality of the faculty and the learning environment;
- **program accreditation** - HCT programs are internationally accredited by professional accrediting agencies;
- **linkages with business and the community** - HCT programs are continually aligned with the changing and emerging needs of business and industry; and are supported by state-of-the-art technologies. HCT campuses are also cultural and community centers that contribute to local culture, history and Emirati heritage;
- **graduate employment** - HCT's most consistent effectiveness measure is the high employment rate of its graduates who are in strong demand by employers across the UAE.