



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Location:

United Arab Emirates

Program Enrollment:

1,500

Success Metrics:

- Validates international digital literacy standards
- Prepares students to enter workforce upon graduation
- Meets academic objectives for IT skills development



VEDC Equips United Arab Emirates Students with Industry Standard Digital Literacy Skills

Internet and Computing Core Certification Helps Graduates Find Jobs in Competitive Technology Market

INTRODUCTION

Vocational Education Development Centre (VEDC) is one of seven schools under the umbrella of the Abu Dhabi Vocational Education and Training Institute (ADVETI), established in 2007 as an initiative of the Abu Dhabi Government. VEDC has more than 1,000 students and caters to Emiratis who are interested in vocational studies, teaching them technical skills to contribute to the UAE society and economy. VEDC programs are industry-based and all graduates are given assistance to find a job at the end of their program.

CHALLENGE

The United Arab Emirates is advanced in technology and IT skills competence is now

a basic requirement for employment in any industrial sector in the country. There is an increasing need for graduates not only with IT skills, but with international certificates to prove they meet international standards in IT literacy.

VEDC aims to help their graduates find employment upon graduation, and as a result, the institution must integrate academic IT content with international standards to satisfy their industry partners. Attracting companies to hire VEDC graduates is an ongoing challenge and the institute recognizes that equipping their graduates with certificates recognized worldwide will help their graduates move on to successful careers.

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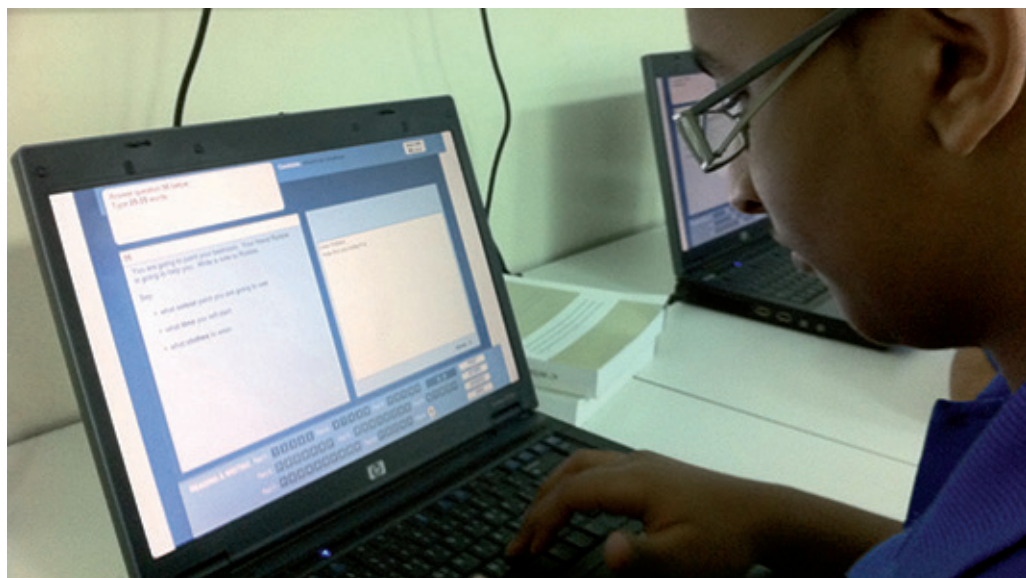
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SOLUTION

VEDC sought an internationally recognized certificate in IT to satisfy industry requirements and decided on the Certipoint Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³) as the best choice for VEDC students. The IC³ Certification includes three individual examinations: Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living Online. IC³ is not only a globally recognized certificate, it also



includes a well-designed training package that equips students with in-demand IT skills. In addition, the IC³ learning outcomes perfectly match the objectives of VEDC's industry partners for digital literacy. Therefore, IC³ serves the twin focus of meeting industry needs and academic objectives.

In order to implement IC³ at VEDC, all ICT teachers became certified trainers, computer labs were designed to qualify as Certipoint Authorized Testing Centres, and Certipoint accredited VEDC textbooks. In order to help all VEDC students pass the IC³ certification exams, students were also provided with extra-curricular activities for extra study time.

RESULTS

Today, IC³ is a requirement for graduation at VEDC. Since its initial implementation in 2008, pass rates have increased and are now at 100 percent. Teachers are very experienced in training students on IC³ objectives and the program has been continually retooled and improved to achieve the best results. This year, 271 students graduated from VEDC and every one held the IC³ certificate.

ADVETI Managing Director Dr. Adel Al Ameri is pleased with the added value the IC³ certificate gives to students. "IC³ increases the employability skills of STS graduates and provides them with the ability to compete successfully in the employment market."

Director of Secondary Technical Schools Dr. Khodair Abid has also praised the IC³ program. "IC³ is not only a recognized certificate that adds to our students profile, it is also teaches important computing skills that positively contributes to the performance of students in all of the other vocational and academic subjects."

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