

EDUCATION

Can Tho education is currently the training center of the whole Mekong Delta region, meeting the universal standard of primary education at level 3. The sector focuses strongly on digital transformation, building national standard schools and improving the quality of foreign languages and informatics to aim for regional and international standards. The city's education situation has the following outstanding features:

- General education: The scale of the school network is expanded and firmly consolidated. The city currently maintains good literacy standards, primary school level 3 and lower secondary school. The emphasis is on piloting the introduction of digital citizenship skills into the curriculum and promoting digital transformation in management and learning.

- Higher Education and Colleges: As the knowledge “cradle” of the Mekong Delta, Can Tho brings together many major educational centers such as Can Tho University, Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy and Nam Can Tho University. Schools are constantly expanding their training professions, closely linked to the demand for socio-economic human resources.

- Breakthrough orientation: The City People's Committee is actively implementing breakthrough strategies for education and training development to 2030, with a vision to 2035. The main objective is to build a sufficient number of teachers, improve their quality, and continue to address the shortage of teachers in specialized subjects.

I. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, GENERAL EDUCATION

1. Early childhood education

Early childhood education in Can Tho city organizes groups of children and kindergarten classes to ensure the number of standard classes, safe learning space and maintain the quality of care and education for children from 3 to 36 months old and kindergarten age in the area in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of Circular No. 52/2020/TT-BGDDT dated December 31, 2020 of the Ministry of Education and Training.

In the school year 2024 - 2025, Can Tho city has 4,393 groups/class with the scale of 121,905 children, reaching 83.96% of public children, on average, each group/class has 28.94 children/class and non-public early childhood education has 22.85 children/class.

2. Primary education

In the school year 2024 - 2025, Can Tho city has 8,693 primary classes with 257,161 students. In which, the public system has 8,623 classes with the scale of 254,464 students, an average of 29.51 students/class; non-public has 70 primary classes with the scale of 2,697 students. On average, each class has 38.53 students/class.

This rate complies with Circular No. 29/2020/TT-BGDDT dated September 4, 2020 of the Ministry of Education and Training.

3. Lower secondary education

The total number of lower secondary classes in the school year 2024 - 2025 in Can Tho city is 5,030, with a scale of 200,205 students. In which, there were 198,792 public students (accounting for 99.29%) and 1,413 non-public students (accounting for 0.71%). On average, each lower secondary class has 39.80 students/class. This rate complies with Circular No. 32/2020/TT-BGDDT dated September 15, 2020 of the Ministry of Education and Training.

4. Upper secondary education

In the school year 2024 - 2025, Can Tho city has 2,334 upper secondary school classes with a scale of 91,139 students. In which, there are 88,601 public students (accounting for 97.22%) and 2,538 non-public students (accounting for 2.78%). On average, each upper secondary school class has 39.05 students/class. This rate ensures compliance with Circular No. 32/2020/TT-BGDDT dated September 15, 2020 of the Ministry of Education and Training.

II. HIGHER EDUCATION

Can Tho city currently has 08 higher education institutions with more than 100,000 students, enrolling more than 30,000 targets each year, acting as a center for training high-quality human resources for the Mekong Delta. The universities gradually formed a concentrated university area, contributing to linking training with scientific research and socio-economic development of Can Tho city in particular and the Mekong Delta in general. Specifically as follows:

1. Public Higher Education

Can Tho University

Can Tho University is in the top 521 - 540 universities in Asia (according to the Quacquarelli Symonds Asia 2025 ranking), including 06 member schools: Polytechnic School, School of Information Technology, School of Economics, School of Agriculture, School of Education, and School of Fisheries.

- In terms of training scale: In 2025, Can Tho University will train more than 47,000 students and trainees. Enrollment targets have increased sharply over the years from 2021 to 2025, from 6,860 targets (in 2021) to 10,500 targets (in 2025).

- Regarding training programs and professions: Can Tho University is digging 121 programs, including: 106 mass programs, 02 advanced programs, 13 high-quality programs, 58 master's programs (02 international programs) and 22 doctoral programs (01 international program). The training disciplines belong to the groups of Teacher Training; Journalism - Tourism - Language, Foreign Culture - Humanities Society; Economics, Business Administration; Information Technology; Engineering, Technology, Construction; Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

- Regarding the teaching staff: the number and quality of the university's teaching staff are increasing. In 2025, the university has about 58.5% of lecturers with doctoral degrees, 24 professors and 182 associate professors.

- Regarding the quality of training: Can Tho University is increasingly improving the quality of training, the annual rate of graduates having jobs is over 95% (in the period 2021 - 2025).

Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy

The university serves as a leading health science training and research center in the Mekong Delta, making great contributions, providing tens of thousands of doctors, pharmacists, and medical graduates to the health system of the whole region. In the period 2020 - 2025, the University has maintained the scale of university training with more than 12,000 students, providing the health sector with nearly 4,000 graduates under training contracts with localities. In 2025, Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy is ranked 488th in the world in health sciences, top 50 Vietnamese universities, in the top 18% of global universities and top 05 leading health universities in Vietnam. The annual employment rate of graduates is over 95%.

- In terms of training scale and industry: The University is multidisciplinary training in the field of health sciences with 13 undergraduate degrees (including: Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Traditional Medicine, Odonto-Stomatology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Midwifery, Medical Laboratory Engineering, Medical Imaging Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Public Health, Nutrition and 88 postgraduate codes, including 06 doctoral codes, 11 master's codes, 32 specialties, 23 specialties of level II and 16 resident doctors. The current training scale is more than 12,000 undergraduate students and more than 3,500 graduate students. Each year, the school organizes about 45 continuous training classes with about 1,500 students.

- Regarding the teaching staff: the number and quality of the university's teaching staff are increasing. In 2025, the university has about 970 employees, with 47 professors, associate professors, 137 PhDs, 50 secondary specialties, 233 masters, and first-level specialties. The percentage of lecturers with postgraduate degrees reached 88.2%. Planning, training, fostering and attracting high-quality human resources are focused; domestic and foreign learning support policies are implemented synchronously. The organizational structure is being restructured towards streamlining - efficiency, meeting the requirements of university autonomy.

- The training quality of Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy has been increasingly improved. In the period of 2021 - 2025, the University has implemented accreditation and been recognized to meet the standards for 19 training programs with a national standard rate of over 90%. The rate of learners graduating on time reached 95.8%, the rate of students having jobs after 12 months of graduation reached 97.07%.

- Regarding scientific research: In the period 2021 - 2025, the University implemented and accepted 894 topics at all levels, with 2,063 domestic articles and 761 international articles on the list of Scopus and ISI. Intensive research groups were

initially formed in an interdisciplinary direction; many seminars on research methods, 3D technology and artificial intelligence in medicine were organized, contributing to improving research capacity and approaching new scientific and technological trends.

- Regarding international cooperation: In the period of 2021 - 2025, the University's international cooperation has achieved many remarkable results, specifically: 176 memoranda of understanding (domestic: 85, international: 91); 14 international cooperation projects; 227 international delegations with over 1,600 visitors; 421 delegations to the world for conferences, cooperation exchanges, postgraduate studies and 152 turns of students participating in competitions and student exchange programs; receiving international students: 408 students from India, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka for long-term study and 102 students from Belgium, the United States, Australia... for short-term exchange and internships.

Can Tho University of Technology

The university conducts training and retraining of human resources with good ethics and high expertise, capable of accessing scientific research, application and transfer of advanced technologies in the fields of management, engineering, technology and multidisciplinary training links, serving the development needs of Can Tho city and the Mekong Delta.

- Scale and training industry: In the school year 2024 - 2025, Can Tho University of Technology enrolls more than 1,700 students, increasing the training scale of the whole school to over 6,200 students, with 22 majors in 10 fields of Computer and Information Technology; Manufacturing and Processing; Engineering; Technical Technology; Architecture and Construction; Life Science; Mathematics and Statistics; Management Business; Law and Humanities.

- The university's staff and lecturers have postgraduate training qualifications of over 95%; including 04 Associate Professors; 45 PhDs and 189 masters.

- The training quality of the university is increasingly improved, meeting the learning needs of students and the needs of the labor market. The rate of graduates with stable jobs is over 90%. In addition, the university's scientific research activities are also promoted in the period 2021 - 2025, articles are published in prestigious journals at home and abroad.

The Can Tho Training Campus of Ho Chi Minh City University of Architecture (UAH)

The Can Tho Campus of Ho Chi Minh City University of Architecture (UAH) offers degree programmes in Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Interior Design. UAH is one of the major undergraduate and postgraduate training institutions of the country and one of the four universities under the Ministry of Construction with many students winning awards at the regional level of Asia, Southeast Asia and international awards; scientific research activities of students, basic training programs have been accredited to meet domestic and international standards.

UAH Can Tho Campus is directly serving the requirements of training highly qualified human resources in accordance with the socio-economic development conditions of the Mekong Delta and the whole country.

2. Non-public Higher Education

Nam Can Tho University

This is the largest private university in the Mekong Delta, which currently has 45 multidisciplinary majors. The training scale of the whole university in 2025 will reach more than 23,000 students and trainees, including more than 100 international students with 06 major groups, including: Health; Human society; Tourism, restaurants and hotels; Technological engineering; Management economics; Technical construction. Nam Can Tho University ranked 11th out of 16 Vietnamese universities meeting the international standards of The Impact Rankings 2025. The annual rate of graduates in the period of 2021 - 2025 with jobs is over 90%.

The university's scientific research activities are increasingly promoted at ministerial, provincial and grassroots level; at the same time, the university has many scientific articles published in prestigious domestic and foreign journals with more than 400 Scopus scientific research articles (including more than 80 articles meeting Q1 standards), affirming the academic prestige in the integration period.

Tay Do University

In 2025, Tay Do University has opened more training majors compared to 2020, including: Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technology; Nutrition; Graphic Design; Logistics and Supply Chain Management, bringing the total number of undergraduate majors of the university to 25. Currently, the university offers 07 postgraduate majors and 25 undergraduate majors with the training scale of over 6,200 students and trainees/year.

Tay Do University is an associate member of AUN-QA; completed the external evaluation of 4 training programs according to AUN-QA standards; there are 16 domestic standard training programs; implemented an exchange program with Kobe International University (Japan), a program to convert nursing degrees and job opportunities in Austria;... The whole university has 340 officers, lecturers, specialists and staff; including 05 professors, 09 associate professors, 71 doctors, specialists II, 200 masters, specialists I.

The quality of training is increasingly improved, scientific research activities are promoted, along with expanding international cooperation, thereby contributing to improving the image of the school and providing high-quality human resources for the labor market. Accordingly, the percentage of graduates of the university who have jobs in the right majors is over 95%.

Vo Truong Toan University

The university has developed and expanded many training professions, there are 12 undergraduate courses, including: Information Technology; Law; International

Business; E-Commerce; Finance - Banking; Accounting; Business Management; Pharmacy; Medicine; Teeth - Jaws - Face.

The university attracts a large number of students. During the period 2021-2025, the school consistently maintained a training scale of over 4,000 students per year.

The university's faculty members hold at least a university degree. The percentage of faculty members with doctoral degrees reached 46.2% in 2024.

Besides expanding its fields of study, increasing the scale of training, and strengthening investment in facilities to support learning, the school always prioritizes improving the quality of education. The employment rate for graduates remains consistently high (over 90% for health-related fields and over 85% for economics-related fields). Furthermore, graduates from the school are employed by a number of recruiting organizations, including general/specialized hospitals at the central, provincial, and district/county levels; pharmaceutical companies/organizations; and various other recruiting units.

FPT University - Can Tho Campus

In 2025, FPT University aims to be ranked 80th globally in terms of Job Opportunities & Economic Growth, in the Top 101-200 for Educational Quality, and to reach the 301-400 position in the list of universities with global impact according to the prestigious THE Impact Rankings. Currently, the three main groups of majors are Information Technology; Business Administration and Language. The training scale reaches about 8,000 students/year (in the period 2021 - 2025). The employment rate of graduates of the university is relatively high, reaching over 98%.