



Vocational Training Council  
Hong Kong

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# 2025 Admissions for International Students

Higher Diploma Programmes

A Leading VPET  
Provider in Hong Kong  
for Professional Skills  
Development



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# Vocational Training Council (VTC) The Cradle of Skilled Talents

Established in 1982, the Vocational Training Council (VTC) is the leading provider of vocational and professional education and training (VPET) in Hong Kong which offers a full range of pre-employment and in-service programmes with internationally recognised qualifications.

**14**  
member institutions

over  
**200,000** students  
including  
**40,000**  
full-time students annually

**100+**  
Degree and Higher Diploma programmes

Higher Diploma programmes with a fine balance of theoretical and practical education

**>90%**  
employment rate

## The following VTC's member institutions offer Degree and Higher Diploma programmes:



**Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (Thei)** offers "Applied Science-Oriented" Degree programmes, providing project-based learning and work-integrated learning opportunities to nurture skilled professionals with a global vision.



**School for Higher and Professional Education (SHAPE)**, in collaboration with well-recognised universities overseas and in Mainland China, provides seamless progression pathways for VTC Higher Diploma graduates and sub-degree holders by offering top-up degree programmes across a wide range of professions.



**Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE)** primarily provides Higher Diploma programmes through its 9 campuses across various disciplines, including Business, Engineering, Hospitality, Health and Life Sciences as well as Childcare, Elderly and Community Services, aiming to nurture professionals valued by industries.



**Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI)** is a leading design institution in Hong Kong, providing quality design education to nurture new talents needed by the creative industries.



**Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology (HKiIT)** provides a comprehensive range of IT and relevant technology programmes, along with lifelong learning opportunities, to nurture talents for the vibrant and thriving IT sector.



**Chinese Culinary Institute (CCI)** provides training in Chinese culinary skills and catering management for industry practitioners and those aspiring to pursue a career in the industry.

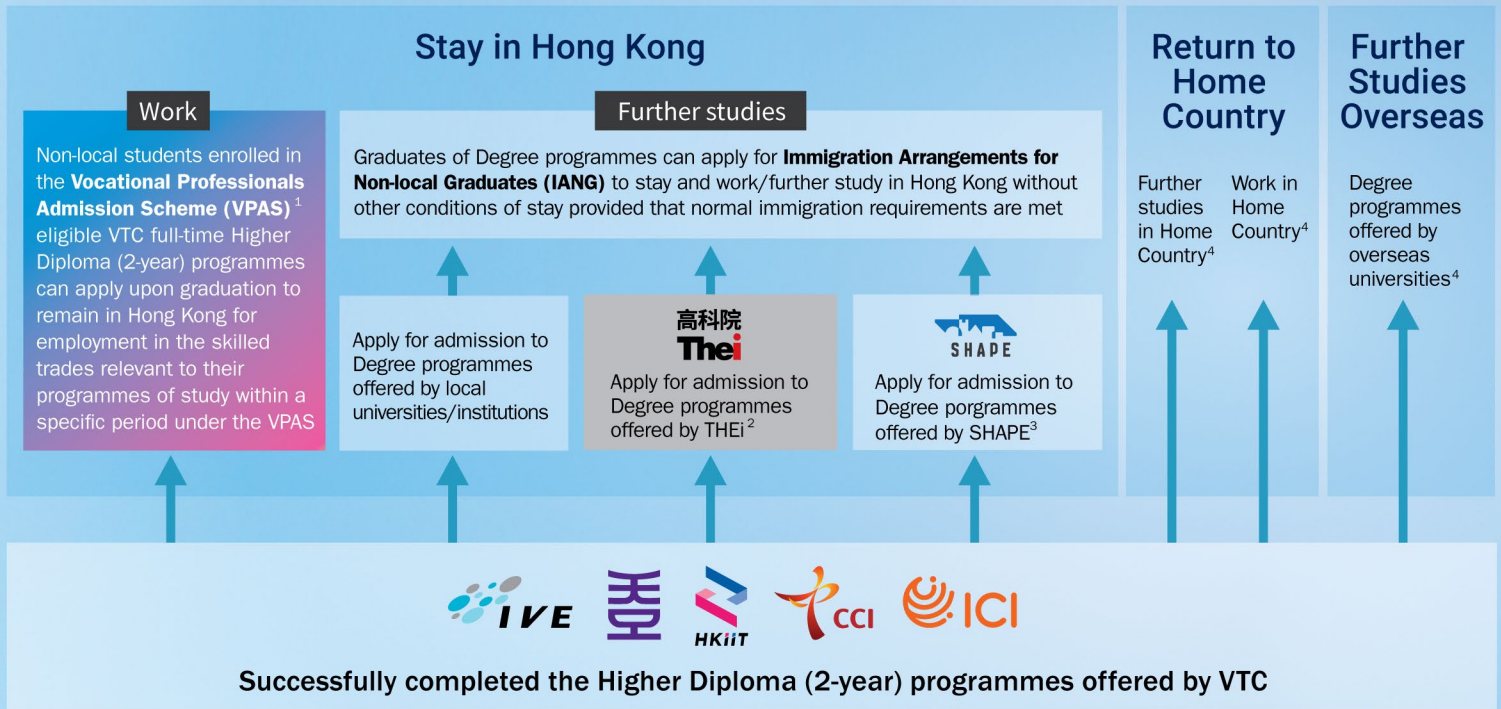


**International Culinary Institute (ICI)** offers a wide range of quality professional programmes in culinary arts, wine and event management.

## Key Features of VTC Higher Diploma Programmes



# Diversified Development Pathways



- 1 The Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme (VPAS) is a pilot scheme launched by the HKSAR Government to attract non-local students to remain in Hong Kong upon graduation to work in a skilled trade relevant to their programmes of study. Non-local students interested in applying for VPAS must complete the VPAS eligible VTC full-time Higher Diploma (2-year) programme within a maximum study period of 3 years. Please visit the VTC Mainland and International Affairs Office website for details.
- 2 Applicants holding equivalent Higher Diploma qualifications may apply for Year-3 entry to full-time Degree programmes offered by the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi). The normal study duration is 2 years (applicable for designated Higher Diploma programmes).
- 3 The School for Higher and Professional Education (SHAPE), a member institution of the VTC, collaborates with universities from the UK, Australia and Mainland China, offering top-up degree programmes for Higher Diploma graduates. The study duration for full-time programmes ranges from 1 to 2 years.
- 4 The VTC Higher Diploma (2-year) programmes are recognised programmes in Hong Kong and are accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) at Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF) Level 4. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers and institutions to recognise any qualification to which the programme may lead.

The above articulation information is provided for reference only. Eligibility and study duration may vary based on programmes, entry requirements, number of credits transferred, and other considerations. For details, please contact the respective institutions.

## Hong Kong as a Regional Education Hub

Adjacent to Mainland China and located in the heart of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions, Hong Kong is a leading international business and financial centre. Its sophisticated infrastructure is among the best in the world.

**World Class Education System**

**Gateway to Mainland China and Asia**

**Language Barrier Free**

**Metropolis linking East and West**

**Safe City**



# Teaching & Learning Facilities



# Halls of Residence

VTC provides hall accommodation in its two residential halls located in Tsing Yi in the New Territories and Pokfulam on Hong Kong Island. Through different interactive hall activities, student residents can connect with peers from different cultures and backgrounds, enriching their campus life and learning experience.

The hall accommodation fees for a double occupancy room is HK\$25,000 (US\$3,206) (TBC)<sup>5</sup> per bed in the 2025/26 academic year (from September 2025 to June 2026).



<sup>5</sup> The accommodation fees for the 2025/26 academic year will be announced later.

# Student Sharing



VTC has provided me with rich learning resources and advanced facilities. Our lecturers, with their extensive global experience, have trained me to think from multiple perspectives and improved my problem-solving skills. As an international student, I was filled with excitement and anticipation, and I have received tremendous support from VTC through orientation days, local tours, language courses, and more. All of these resources, along with the warm welcome from both local and international students, have helped me adapt to campus life in Hong Kong. Now, I truly embrace each day in this vibrant learning environment.

## Toktarova Raushan (Kazakhstan)

Bachelor's Degree Holder with work experience from Kazakhstan  
Currently pursuing a Higher Diploma in Architecture, Interior, and Landscape Design at HKDI

## Bosompem Nana (Ghana)

Graduate of a Higher National Diploma in Ghana  
Currently pursuing a Higher Diploma in Aviation and Logistics at IVE

VTC places a strong emphasis on practical education, and the industrial attachments provide me with hands-on, valuable experience in the industry. This opportunity will help me build my skills and deepen my understanding of the field. The programme offers diverse development opportunities, including the option to apply for VPAS to remain in Hong Kong to seek jobs in related trade after graduation. I hope to apply what I have learned and contribute to the aviation industry, which offers a wide range of career paths, each with its own unique challenges and rewards. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.



After completing my Higher Diploma in Fashion Design at HKDI in 2024, I advanced to SHAPE for my third year. I am grateful for the institution's unwavering support, which has included being a finalist in the New Fashion Force 2024, where I secured second runner-up and the Best Sustainability Award, as well as receiving multiple scholarships. VTC has empowered me to set higher goals and develop a clear vision for my future. As I move forward in my career, I appreciate the transformative experience VTC has provided, shaping me into a confident fashion designer. I will always cherish my time in the VTC community and its lasting impact on my life.

## Soeharsa Charlene Evangelista (Indonesia) (Center)

Graduate of a Higher Diploma in Fashion Design at HKDI  
Currently pursuing Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fashion Design at SHAPE

## Support for Non-Local Students in Learning and Employment

VTC Higher Diploma graduates, with their professional knowledge, practical skills and workplace competency, are well received by businesses and industries in Hong Kong and have a high employment rate of over **90%**.

To help non-local students settle in, get familiarised with the new learning environment and the workplace in Hong Kong, in addition to well-equipped campus and learning facilities, student learning and career support services are also available at campuses, which include:



### Provision of Student Accommodation<sup>6</sup>

Address the accommodation needs of non-local students in Hong Kong



### Learning Resource Centre and Sports Facilities

Support students' learning and enrich campus life



### Cantonese Workshops

Assist students in adapting to their learning and daily life in Hong Kong by providing them with a basic understanding of Cantonese



### Student Care Services

Offer leadership training, sports activities, interest classes, and counselling services



### Recruitment talks, career counselling, job matching, etc.



### Collaboration with companies to provide internship opportunities

Students who perform well may have the chance for conditional employment, full-time positions, as well as scholarships and sponsorships



<sup>6</sup> Due to the limited availability of accommodation places at the VTC Halls of Residence, dormitory spaces will be allocated through a lottery draw system depending on the demand.

# Overview of Higher Diploma (HD) Programmes Accepting International Students for the 2025/26 Academic Year

- Normal study duration is 2 years

Information Technology		ENG	PTH	CAN
VPAS	HD in AI and Mobile Applications Development	●		
VPAS	HD in AI and Smart Technology	●		
	HD in Applied AI	●		
VPAS	HD in Cloud and Data Centre Administration	●		
VPAS	HD in Cybersecurity	●		
VPAS	HD in Data Science and AI	● <sup>^</sup>		
VPAS	HD in Digital Media Technology	●		
VPAS	HD in Game Software Development	●		
VPAS	HD in Games and Animation	●	●	
VPAS	HD in Software Engineering	●		
	HD in Telecommunications and Networking	●		
VPAS	HD in Theme Park and Theatre Creative Technology	●		

Design		ENG	PTH	CAN
VPAS	HD in Architectural Design <sup>7</sup>	●		
	HD in Advertising Design	●		
	HD in Animation and Visual Effects	●		
	HD in Arts Technology	●		
	HD in Costume Design for Performance	●		
	HD in Design for Event, Exhibition and Performance	●	●	
	HD in Digital Fashion Branding and Buying	●	●	
	HD in Fashion Design	●		
	HD in Digital Media Production	●		
	HD in Fashion Image Design	●		
	HD in Fashion Media Design	●		
	HD in Film, Television and Photography	●	●	
	HD in Illustration	●	●	
	HD in Interior Design <sup>7</sup>	●		
	HD in Jewellery Design and Technology <sup>8</sup>	●		
VPAS	HD in Landscape Architecture <sup>7</sup>	●	●	
	HD in Music Production	●		
	HD in Product Design <sup>8</sup>	●		
	HD in User Experience Design	●		
	HD in Visual Arts and Culture	●		
	HD in Visual Communication Design	●		

VPAS Non-local students admitted in the 2025/26 academic year who complete this eligible programme may apply to participate in the Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme (VPAS).

Business		ENG	PTH	CAN
	HD in Advertising and Media Communications	●		
	HD in Artiste and Cultural Management	●		
VPAS	HD in Aviation and Logistics	●	● <sup>^#</sup>	
VPAS	HD in Aviation Inflight and Passenger Services	●		
VPAS	HD in Aviation Services and Transport Studies	●	● <sup>^#</sup>	
	HD in Banking and Financial Analysis	●		
	HD in Business Administration and Management	●	● <sup>#</sup>	
VPAS	HD in Business with E-Commerce		● <sup>#</sup>	
	HD in Event Marketing and Business Promotion	●	● <sup>#</sup>	
	HD in Global Business Management with Languages	●		
	HD in Human Resources and Talent Analytics	●		
	HD in Marketing and Customer Analytics	●		
	HD in Professional Accountancy	●		
	HD in Public Relations and Communication Management	●		
VPAS	HD in Real Estate and Property Management	● <sup>10</sup>	● <sup>#</sup>	● <sup>#</sup>
	HD in Retail and E-Commerce Management	● <sup>10</sup>		

Hospitality		ENG	PTH	CAN
VPAS	HD in Airport Operations Management	●	● <sup>^#</sup>	
	HD in Baking and Pastry Arts	●		
	HD in Culinary Arts	●		● <sup>11</sup>
	HD in Global Hotel Management	●		
	HD in International Hospitality and Tourism Management	●		
	HD in International Wine and Beverage Management	●		
	HD in Leisure and Recreation Management	●		
	HD in Sports Coaching	●		
	HD in Sports Management	●		
	HD in Sports Studies with Smart Technology	●		
	HD in Tourism and Mega Event Management	●		

Childcare, Elderly and Community Services		ENG	PTH	CAN
	HD in Community Service Planning and Navigation	●		
	HD in Play-based Learning	●		

Graduates of this Higher Diploma programme [(i) conducted in English and (ii) with “#”] may apply to Year 3 of the full-time degree programme(s) offered by Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEI), with a typical study duration of 2 years, and/or may apply to top-up degree programme(s) operated by School for Higher and Professional Education (SHAPE) in collaboration with universities from the UK, Australia and Mainland China (the study duration for full-time programmes ranges from 1 to 2 years).

Engineering		ENG	PTH	CAN
	HD in Architectural Studies	●		
VPAS	HD in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Architectural Technology and Design	●	●	
	HD in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics	●		
VPAS	HD in Automotive Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Aviation Systems and Operations	●		
VPAS	HD in Building Services Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Building Studies	●		
VPAS	HD in Civil Engineering	●		
	HD in Computer and Data Engineering	●		
	HD in Computer and Electronic Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Electrical Engineering	●		
	HD in Environmental Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Geospatial Science and Land Surveying	●		
VPAS	HD in Maritime Studies	●		
VPAS	HD in Mechanical Engineering	●		
VPAS	HD in Surveying	●		

- Applicant should apply for "HD in Architecture, Interior and Landscape Design (Subject Group)". The 1st semester is a common semester. Students will progress to the professional programmes in the 2nd semester.
- Applicant should apply for "HD in Product, Furniture and Jewellery Design (Subject Group)". The 1st semester is a common semester. Students will progress to the professional programmes in the 2nd semester.
- Applicant should apply for "HD in Sustainability and Environmental Management (Subject Group)". The 1st semester is a common semester. Students will progress to the professional programmes in the 2nd semester.
- Certain modules within the curriculum are delivered in Chinese. A higher level of Chinese proficiency is required.
- Chinese Cuisine Stream only.

Health and Life Sciences		ENG	PTH	CAN
VPAS	HD in Analytical Science	●		
	HD in Applied Nutritional Studies	●		
	HD in Beauty and Personal Care Products	●		
VPAS	HD in Biomedical Science	●		
	HD in Biotechnology	●		
	HD in Chinese Medicine Professional and Operation			●
VPAS	HD in Conservation and Tree Management	●		●
	HD in Environmental Science <sup>9</sup>	●		
	HD in Fitness and Exercise Nutrition	●		
	HD in Food Technology and Safety	●		
	HD in Medical Centre Operations	●		
	HD in Occupational Safety and Emergency Operations	●		
	HD in Pet Care and Wellness	●		
	HD in Pharmaceutical Science	● <sup>10</sup>		
VPAS	HD in Rehabilitation Services	●		●

**ENG** The programme is conducted in English (except for modules of specific content in Chinese, typically Cantonese). The validation of the programme will take place in 2025 (excluding programmes marked with ^).

**PTH** The programme is conducted in Putonghua (except some modules in English). The accreditation of the programme will take place in 2025 (excluding programmes marked with ^).

**CAN** The programme is conducted in Cantonese (except some modules in English). The accreditation of the programme will take place in 2025.

VTC reserves the right to cancel any programme, revise programme title, content or change the offering institute(s)/ campus(es)/ class venue(s) if circumstances so warrant.

## 2025/26 Academic Year

### Fees

### Higher Diploma Programmes

Tuition fee: HK\$67,000 (US\$8,590) per year (Business Discipline) or HK\$68,800 (US\$8,821) (other Disciplines)

Registration & Student Service Fees: Total HK\$7,000 (US\$898) (payable upon acceptance of offer, in which the Registration Fee of HK\$5,000 (US\$642) will be deducted from the first installment of tuition fees)

Other Fees include the application fee of HK\$500 (US\$65), caution money and Students' Union Fees, etc.

#### Note:

- Tuition fees are subject to annual review. All fees must be paid in Hong Kong Dollars, and all bank transfer related charges shall be borne by the student.
- The tuition fee for the 2026/27 academic year is approximately HK\$75,400 (US\$9,667) per year (Business Disciplines) or HK\$77,400 (US\$9,924) (other Disciplines). The tuition fees are for reference only, and are subject to annual review.
- The above fee information is converted at a rate of US\$1 = HK\$7.8 for reference only.

### Scholarships

(Higher Diploma programmes)

Admission Scholarships for Non-Local Students are available to recognise non-local students newly admitted to VTC full-time Higher Diploma programmes for their academic and non-academic achievements

Award	Admission Scholarship for Non-Local Students (Academic Achievements)	Admission Scholarship for Non-Local Students (Demonstration of talents and skills in the specified areas)
Amount	Admission Scholarship: HK\$6,000 (US\$770) Outstanding Achievement Admission Scholarship: HK\$60,000 (US\$7,693)	HK\$6,000 (US\$770)



# Enrol in VTC Higher Diploma Programmes to Become a Professional with Global Vision

## Early Bird Offer

Enjoy early bird application rate at  
**HK\$200** only for applications  
on or before 31 January 2025

▶▶▶ **Apply Now**



## How to Apply

**1**  
Choose your  
preferred  
programmes

**2**  
Check  
entry  
requirements

**3**  
Prepare  
supporting  
documents

**4**  
Submit  
application  
online  
Application period  
starts from  
27 November 2024

**5**  
Attend  
interview  
Normally within  
3 weeks of  
application  
submission

**6**  
Receive offer  
To be announced  
at the end of  
July 2025  
by email

**7**  
Complete  
registration  
procedures  
Including settlement of  
tuition fees, application  
for student visa, and new  
student registration, etc.

## General Entrance Requirements\*:

Applicants having completed senior secondary education with recognised examination results, or equivalent in their home countries. For example, holders of GCE A-level, GCSE, IGCSE, IB Diploma, etc. will be considered for admission.

OR

Applicants possessing post-secondary education qualifications, such as college diploma, associate degree, professional diploma, university degree, etc.

OR

Substantial work experience and/or prior qualification(s) obtained in or outside Hong Kong relevant to the Higher Diploma Programme applying with demonstrated ability to undertake sub-degree education.

AND

Recognised English Language Qualification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, GCSE/IGCSE/GCE English Language, IB English Language, SAT, etc.) or Pass an English assessment administered by VTC; and

Applicants would be evaluated on their Chinese proficiency during their application. Certain Higher Diploma programmes, e.g. programmes with Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) as the Medium of Instruction, will require a higher level of Chinese proficiency.

\* TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS Online, and IELTS Indicator test results will not be considered.

\* Students who apply with Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) qualification must present proof of place of residence. Applicants who obtain OSSD qualification through online or distance learning would not be considered.

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