

Online crash courses for teachers

In response to the global education emergency caused by novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, HBMSU developed e-learning crash courses to assist teachers in their task to move to remote learning in the context of emergency closures of schools and universities. The crash courses are completely free and available at: <https://cloudcampus.hbmsu.ac.ae/>

- **“Be an online tutor in 24 hours”** course provides necessary training to teaching and academic personnel of various levels about online education processes. It has several modules: online learning technology landscape, e-learning management tools, and communication and creation tools. The course is available in English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish and French languages.
- **“Design an Online Course in 24 Hours”** focuses on developing online classroom and planning and designing online lessons in few steps by using modern and advanced educational tools. The course is available in Arabic and English. All participants of both courses receive the certificate upon a course completion.

The UAE Ministry of Education supported the initiative and published the words of appreciation for assisting more than 102 000 teachers from all over the Arab region and beyond. Following the success of the course “Be an online tutor in 24 hours” in English and Arabic, its versions in Russian, French and Spanish languages have been developed to help teachers from respective countries. The Russian version of the course has been produced by HBMSU in partnership with UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) within the UNESCO IITE’s global initiative [‘Combating COVID-19: Together we are on the move!’](#):

The virtual launch of the course “Be an online tutor in 24 hours” was held on 2 April 2020 with the participation of H. E. Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, the UAE Minister of Education; Prof. Tao Zhan, Director of UNESCO IITE and Dr. Mansoor Al Awar, Chancellor of HBMSU and Chairman of the Governing Board of UNESCO IITE.