The beginning of the 2000s brought significant changes not only in the life of Szolnok but in the history of the institution as well. The restructuring of Hungarian higher education had been going on since the turn of the millennium. In line with the Bologna process and according to requirements of the European Union the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the two-cycle degree system have been implemented. The College of Szolnok and the Agricultural Faculty of Tessedik Sámuel College in Mezőút integrated in 2006 after a long negotiating procedure. By the integration the fields of education and the number of bachelor courses increased. The college offered six bachelor courses: Commerce and Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Tourism and Catering, Mechanical Engineering in the Agriculture and Food Industry, Agribusiness and Rural Development Engineering and Technical Management. Students could also choose from fourteen professional short-cycle and nearly thirty post-graduate programmes. The college laid great emphasis on professional, practice-based education and the development of business language skills.
Bologna process. According to the Mission & Vision Statement the College committed to train students who are competitive on domestic and international job markets and who foster the development of Hungarian economy, to contributing to the local economic development and intellectual discovery. To accomplish of all its objectives the college intended to be a stable and competitive HEI that answers to its partners’ expectations and complied with their interest to foster further economic growth.

By December 2009 an eagerly awaited dream had come true with the completion of the building of a new campus. The 9000 square metres new educational facility, that lies in Tiszaliget, the most beautiful recreational area of Szolnok, facilitates education, research and various services at a top level.

The John von Neumann University of Applied Sciences (a merge of College of Kecskemét and College of Szolnok) is newly formed HEI to provide wider range of educational portfolio and satisfy more complex student needs. The fundament of its national and international competitiveness is derived from application of most recent methods and devices. The University of Applied Sciences lives harmoniously together with its social and economic environment.

The aim of the University is to preserve the traditions of the two merging colleges, to strengthen the results of the integration, to renew continuously by the inner and especially by the external challenges, even more in particular to be one of the leader institutions in the Central Eastern European region regarding its educational profile in sciences.

The Pallas Athena University is a significant educational centre of Hungary and the Southern Plain Region offering education in engineering, informatics, business administration, agriculture and pedagogy. The institution provides a wide range of courses on ISCED 5, 6 and 7 level (short-cycle tertiary, bachelor and master) set to the needs of students opting to study here.