Makati Polytechnic College was established through a Municipal Resolution No. 242, Ordinance No. 64, s. 1972.

The Polytechnic Community College was elevated to the status of a full-fledged college and was renamed Makati College in 1987.

The integration of the former Fort Andres Bonifacio College paved the way for the elevation of Makati College into a university on January 10, 1990.

By virtue of Municipal Ordinance No. 433, series of 1991 under the administration of Hon. Mayor Jejomar C. Binay, Makati College was converted into Pamantasan ng Makati (PnM) and operated as a university on December 19, 1991.
City Ordinance 2002-111 was passed on August 27, 2002 amending City Ordinance No. 99-126 which further revised the Pamantasan ng Makati charter to change its official name to University of Makati.

The University of Makati expanded from its original industrial and business technology courses to different areas of specializations like arts and sciences, education, computer science, business administration, technology management, governance and public policy, nursing and other allied health courses, performing and digital arts, and physical wellness.