

YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT (PHASE IV-V)

Dear All,

In a statement of The Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK) related a new normalization process includes the expressions that: “Turkish Universities need to schedule their own online education process for relevant programs to be able to give its theoretical lectures and support its practical trainings considering the regional and local dynamics of COVID-19 pandemic and the number of student and infrastructure facilities of the relevant formal program. Also, it has been decided that in the face-to-face programs, up to 40 percent of courses can be lectured as online regardless of COVID-19 pandemic process.

However, at that point for 2020-2021 academic year as Faculty of Medicine, we have taken some decisions listed below in consequence of our experiences, resolutions of Yeditepe University Senate, discussions within our educational commissions and your feedbacks and requests.

- Phase IV will be started on October 7th, 2020 and Phase V on October 5th, 2020.
- The theoretical part of the clerkship program will be given to whole class (non-divided into groups) consecutively as synchronous and online in fall semester.
- The lectures’ video recording will be hold. In this way, students have a chance and opportunity to watch these videos as asynchronous in case of missing the lecture.
- The theoretical exams will be online following to each clerkship. The examination rules will be declared at a later time.
- Regarding practical training at University of Health Sciences Training and Research Hospitals and Yeditepe University Hospitals (on the condition that in the spring term), the program will be finalized by taking some measures into account such as physical infrastructure, academic infrastructure, and other facilities, based on YÖK’s ‘new normal’ decisions and the precautions taken by our university.
- Practical training will be carried out face-to-face by dividing the students into groups after the completion of theoretical courses, and practical exams will be conducted face-to-face in the manner that to achieve the goals of the training program.

As a result, an integrated education model will be implemented as distance education as synchronous / asynchronous in the fall semester and face-to-face in the spring semester.

It has been taken into consideration that the planning face-to-face education might be transformed into online model in case of force majeure related with the progress of COVID-19 pandemic.

New academic program is going to be declared as soon as possible.

We wish you all success and joy for the new academic year.

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