



Başkent University, the first foundation university to teach health sciences in Turkey, was founded in 1993 with the cooperation of the Turkish Organ Transplant and Burns Treatment Foundation and Haberal Education Foundation. A total of 8414 undergraduate and 1082 graduate students are enrolled.

The Department of Public Health (Faculty of Medicine) has several tasks on many areas. The department is active especially on the following four areas: education, service, research and consulting. It is active in continuous quality management (CQM) at all University health facilities, providing CQM training to its staff. The other main task of the department is to conduct health systems research. The Department is also responsible for Public Health and Epidemiology training of undergraduate students of the “Medical Faculty”, “Health Institutions Management” and “Vocational School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation”. The department offers a four-semester Masters program, eight-semester doctorate (PhD) program and four years residency training program in public health. Two centers of the university, “First aid training Center” and “Woman Child Health and Family Planning Center” are administrated by the members of the department. They carried out the “National Burden of Disease and Cost-Effectiveness Project” during 2002-2004, a joint project of Başkent University, World Bank, Ministry of Health, Turkey and WHO Geneva. They also surveyed a representative sample of 12,000 Turkish households as part of the WHO World Health Survey. They are conducting projects on “first aid knowledge and skills” and “reproductive health knowledge” of various groups supported by the University and, currently take part of two European Commission projects on Migrant Health: the first one named “Information Network on Good Practice in Health Care for Migrants and Minorities” aims to set up a Europe wide network of websites to exchange information about research and good practices concerning health care for migrants. In the project there will also be other dissemination activities promoting attention for ethnic diversity on health care at country and European level. The second one is a COST project, supported by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific Technological Research Council of Turkey) and titled “health And Social Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe: A Pilot Study; Health Service Utilization and Chronic Disease Frequency among the First and Second Generations Migrated to Turkey”. Both of the projects started in year 2007.

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