

HEPDAK's PLAN ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES IN ACCREDITATION PROCESS RELATED TO COVID-19

In Turkey, higher education institutions have started to continue their education with distance education because of Covid 19 Pandemia. All the nursing undergraduate programs carried out their education with distance education in the spring term of 2019-2020.

Considering with the prediction that the pandemic process will continue in the next Autumn term (2020-2021);

1- HEPDAK has decided to support the continuation of accreditation processes for nursing programs through virtual visits to ensure the quality of education and to ensure that the relevant programs and accreditation processes are not interrupted.

2-HEPDAK has defined standards for the virtual site visit regarding distance education for nursing undergraduate programs in the period of 2020-2021 due to the possibility of online training partially or completely. These standards are expected to be met in the evaluations to be made as long as distance education will continue in the later periods.

3-After the examination of the self-evaluation reports of the nursing programs by the evaluation teams, virtual site visits will be made and, if necessary, the institution visit by face to face will be planned at a later date after the pandemic. The working schedule to be applied during virtual site visit and the institution evaluations has been announced in the "HEPDAK 2020-2021 term evaluation plan in the web page of HEPDAK.

4-HEPDAK Online Orientation Program For Evaluators On Virtual Site Visit

Online orientation program has been developed to prepare new evaluators and the experienced active evaluators for their role as an HEPDAK virtual visitor to orient them to the virtual site visit, and provide for gaining a better understanding of the virtual visitor role in the HEPDAK accreditation process.

4-HEPDAK organized two webinars on

-Nursing Training in The Covid-19 Period (17.06.2020)

-Digital Transformation in Universities in the Period of Covid-19 Pandemia : Distance Education Experiences and Future Plannings in Nursing Programs (30.06.2020)