

Hair Transplant Practitioner Certified Training Programme: English Summary

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Purpose and legal basis

The programme gives physicians the knowledge, skills, attitude and competence to perform hair transplantation on people with a medical indication, in line with national and international scientific work and practice.

Its legal basis is:

- the Ministry of Health Certified Training Regulation (Official Gazette No. 28903, 4 February 2014)
- the Regulation on Hair Transplant Units (Official Gazette No. 32182, 6 May 2023)

Who can apply

The programme is open to Turkish citizen physicians whose diploma is registered and who have completed compulsory state service:

- general practitioners with at least 10 years since diploma registration
- specialist physicians with at least 5 years since specialty registration

Physicians still in specialty training (main or sub-specialty) cannot apply. Applications are made individually through the Ministry's online system, within the periods the Ministry announces.

How the programme runs

Places are allocated by a lottery held before a notary, with a primary and a reserve list for each training centre. Each centre takes at most 3 participants per hair transplant room and at most 42 in total, so that every participant can observe and perform at least 4 cases.

A training centre must hold the Ministry's authorisation and meet these conditions, among others:

- a licensed hair transplant unit with at least 4 compliant procedure rooms
- at least one staff dermatologist or plastic surgeon, or a physician holding a Ministry-registered Medical Aesthetics or Hair Transplant Practitioner certificate
- the equipment and emergency medicines required by the Regulation on Hair Transplant Units

One trainer is responsible for at most 5 rooms, and a centre has at most 8 trainers. A participant whose absence exceeds 10% of the training leaves the programme.

Practical training builds up in steps:

1. The participant observes at least one case.
2. In the second case, the participant watches the use of instruments and graft placement.
3. From the third case, once the trainer judges the participant ready, they place grafts together.

Assessment and certification

Participants must pass a written theory exam and a practical exam, each with at least 70 out of 100.

- **Theory exam:** 50 to 100 multiple-choice questions covering the whole curriculum. A participant who fails gets one more attempt before practical training begins; failing again ends their place in the programme.
- **Practical exam:** the programme lead scores each participant on an evaluation form, covering work in at least 4 different areas of the scalp. A participant who fails is re-examined once within 5 days.

The Ministry registers the certificate, signs it electronically and sends it to the training centre, which prints it and hands it to the participant.

Duration and validity

The programme lasts 146 hours over 18 working days, and the certificate does not expire.

Part	Hours	Working days
Theory (class hours)	66	8
Practical training	80	10
Total	146	18

Curriculum

The theory part covers 28 topics in 66 class hours.

No.	Topic	Class hours
1	Definition and history of hair transplantation	1
2	Hair anatomy and histology	2
3	Scalp anatomy	2
4	Surgical anatomy of the scalp	2
5	Male and female pattern hair loss: pathogenesis and classification of androgenetic alopecia	2
6	Other causes of hair loss and conditions needing consultation (cicatricial and non-cicatricial alopecia)	6
7	Patient selection and the importance of differential diagnosis	2

No.	Topic	Class hours
8	Pharmacotherapy	2
9	Other treatments: LLLT, mesotherapy, PRP (scalp applications only)	2
10	Planning and organisation of hair transplantation	3
11	Preoperative preparation	2
12	Anaesthesia: local anaesthetics and techniques	3
13	Emergencies: interventions, basic and advanced life support	3
14	Donor area assessment and graft harvesting (scalp FUE methods; beard and body)	5
15	Graft preparation, holding, protection and storage	1
16	Recipient area preparation and channel creation	3
17	Graft insertion: implanters and classic forceps	3
18	Postoperative period and follow-up of results	2
19	Hair transplantation in different ethnic groups	1
20	Hair transplantation outside the scalp (eyebrow, beard, body)	2
21	Correcting poor cosmetic results	3
22	Complications and their management	4
23	The hair transplant operating room	1
24	Instruments and materials	2
25	Preparation before and after the procedure	2
26	Sterilisation	2
27	Photography, video and documentation	1
28	Medical law, ethics and regulation	2
	Total	66