

Hair Transplant Assistant Practitioner Certified Training Programme: English Summary

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Purpose and legal basis

The programme gives nurses, community health officers, emergency medical technicians and anaesthesia technicians the knowledge, skills, attitude and competence to assist in hair transplantation, 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 citizens with a registered diploma, whose own professional rules allow them to take part, in one of these professions:

- nurse
- community health officer
- emergency medical technician or technologist
- anaesthesia technician or technologist

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. A centre takes at most 5 participants per hair transplant room and at most 50 in total, so that every participant can observe and perform at least 5 cases.

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

- a licensed hair transplant unit with at least 2 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

Centres authorised for the Hair Transplant Practitioner programme are also authorised for this one. One trainer is responsible for at most 5 rooms. Attendance must be continuous: a participant whose absence exceeds 20% of the training leaves the programme and is not examined.

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 the graft work.
3. From the third case, once the trainer judges the participant ready, they do the graft work 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, documenting participation in procedures of at least 100 grafts a day over 10 days. 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 104 hours over 13 working days, and the certificate does not expire.

Part	Hours	Working days
Theory (class hours)	24	3
Practical training	80	10
Total	104	13

Curriculum

The theory part covers 15 topics; the standard states a total of 24 class hours.

No.	Topic	Class hours
1	Definition and history of hair transplantation	1
2	Hair anatomy and histology	1
3	Scalp anatomy	2
4	Surgical anatomy of the scalp	2
5	Local anaesthetics in hair transplantation: introduction and preparation	2
6	Emergencies	3
7	Graft extraction and collection from the scalp (FUE methods); harvesting from the beard or body	2

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8	Graft extraction and collection techniques (FUE): preparing, holding, protecting and storing grafts	2
9	Graft insertion: blunt implanters and classic forceps	2
10	Hair transplantation in different ethnic groups	1
11	The operating room, instruments and materials	1
12	Preparation before and after the procedure, including preoperative laboratory tests	2
13	Sterilisation	2
14	Photography, video and documentation	1
15	Medical law and ethics	1
	Total stated in the standard	24