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## Nursing doctoral education in Turkey

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Quality health care is important issue for worldwide and nursing can and must play a major and global role in transforming the healthcare environment. Doctoral degree nurses are very much needed in the discipline to further develop and expand the science, as well as to prepare its future educators, scholars, leaders and policy makers. The first University School of Nursing opened in 1955 in Turkey. In 1968, the Master of Science in Nursing Program was initiated, followed by the Nursing Doctoral Education Program in 1972. In 2001 six Universities provided nursing doctoral education while in 2015 20 Universities provided nursing doctoral education. In Turkey, the doctoral education in nursing is carried out with a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) via the Health Sciences Institutes. This presentation centers on the structure and model of doctoral education for nurses in Turkey. The presentation will describe in detail nursing doctoral education in Turkey, including program structure, admission process, course units, assessment strategies and dissertation procedure. Many countries in the world are systematically building various collaborative models of their own nursing doctoral education programs. Turkey would like to play an active role in creating collaborative nursing doctoral education programs together with other countries.

## Biography

Meryem Yavuz Van Giersbergen has completed her PhD in Surgical Nursing in 1998 at the Ege University. She became Docent of Surgical Nursing in 2006 and Professor in 2013. She was one of the founders (1997) and President of Turkish Surgical and Operating Room Nurses Association from 2008-2012. She has published 55 articles in international/national journals, 180 presentations at (inter)national congresses, 20 chapters in six books and has been an Editorial Board Member of (inter)national journals. She worked in 22 organization communities for national congresses (6 of them she was president), two international congresses and 40 sciences communities at national congresses. She has more than 50 speeches in congresses.

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