

Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi, ODTÜ, Middle East Technical University (METU): The department of Educational Sciences offers graduate courses leading to M.S. degree in Educational Sciences, non-thesis M.A. degree in Human Resource Development in Education, and Ph.D. degree in Educational Sciences. The department also offers courses to prepare students from various departments of the Faculty of Education for teaching at the primary and/or secondary school level, and conducts research in various areas of educational sciences. Students in M.S. and Ph.D. programme in Educational Sciences may choose one of the three areas of education for specialization: Educational Administration and Planning, Curriculum and Instruction, or Guidance and Psychological Counseling. Non-thesis M.A. programme in Human Resource Development in Education aims at preparing individuals as training and development specialists in human resources units of schools, government and private agencies, and organisations.

The ODTÜ is realising in-service training and counselling to public and private sector (e.g., Ministry of National Education, NGOs, Higher Education Board).

The teaching staff has been involved in several projects. There is a newly dissertation on democracy education. Dr. Akar was involved in a project on “democratic education in the classroom” in collaboration with an NGO and the Education Board. She conducted several workshops in lower levels of education with that regard. Currently, Akar is working on a project that deals with the moral development of teachers.

The Department of Educational Sciences has a rich profile of teaching staff. All the teaching staff has either received a Ph.D. from a foreign country mainly the USA or has acted as a visiting researcher or visiting scholar in several universities in the USA. Most of the staff has collaborative projects with MONE. ODTÜ has a part-time faculty who comes from the State Planning Organisation, and two other part-time faculty from other national State Universities in Turkey. Some teaching staff are consultants in private and public organisations or are external experts for the National Agency, Ministry of Education, and Higher Education Board.

ACT! relevant projects:

“The education problems of primary and secondary school children caused through migration in urban and rural areas.” Large-scale research project sponsored by EARGED (project coordinator) in distributing the survey questionnaires. Multi-disciplinary project by Hanife Akar (project coordinator). Additional local partners are schools facing problems of mobility. Project proposals towards a Ph.D that may be considered in the interest toward an active citizenship project by *Aysegül Mısırlı, Ph.D. candidate (Middle East Technical University, Dept. of Educational Sciences, Research Assistant. Contact information: misirli@metu.edu.tr. *Mehmet Ali İcbay, Ph.D. candidate (Middle East Technical University, Dept. of Educational Sciences, Research Assistant. Contact information: icbay@metu.edu.tr.