

## TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' AWARENESS LEVEL OF THEIR ROLES IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

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### ABSTRACT

In recent years, a new education technique has been applied around the world which is called "Distance Education". As the education is provided by means of diverse pedagogical instruments and methods, the roles of both teachers and students change as well. The purpose of this study is to reveal the teachers' and the students' opinions about the roles in Distance Education. We will attempt to investigate the awareness level of both sides in terms of teachers and students. The study will be conducted at Atatürk University which has been giving Distance Education for two years and which is very new in this field. A qualitative research design will be applied and 15 lecturers and 15 students from Atatürk University will be interviewed. Given the lack of relevant literature on Distance Education in Turkish context, this study is expected to contribute to the field and inspire further studies in academic settings.

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