















Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 3 and 4 post- COVID-19 crisis: The Medical **Education Program in Syrian Virtual University**

"Higher Education in the Arab World: New Priorities in the Post COVID- 19 Era"

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✓ Global crises caused by the pandemic of COVID-19, risk the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SDGs implementation process are slowed or reversed.







































✓ The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting many sectors of society, such as health, education covered by the SDG3 (Health & Well-Being), and SDG4 (Quality Education).



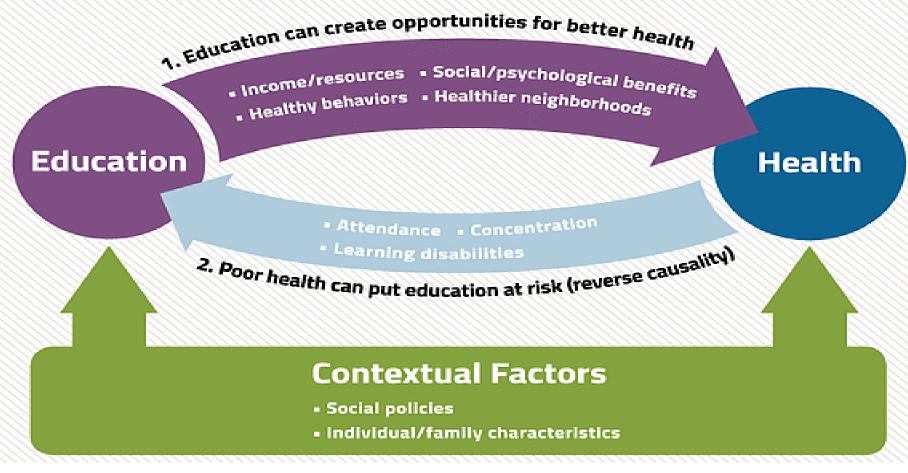


According to UN report, "Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals" (2021), **about 90% of countries**, suffered disruption of health services (SDG3).

According to UNESCO, more than 1.5 billion learners are affected, thus challenging the Goal 4 implementation.







Source: Kalterina Shulla. Virtual Inter-agency Expert Group Meeting on Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027) "Accelerating Global Actions for a World without Poverty"



Syrian / COVID-19 Crisis



The forward planning approach, with curricula delivered, teaching, learning and assessment methods failed to meet the needs of population and systems of healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The focus on traditional teaching and hospitaloriented education has prevented the appropriate response to community needs during crisis.





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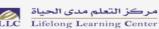
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universities and for university professors who practice the medical profession besides their academic teaching. They develop their roles as clinical teachers and develop their skills to design learning strategies suitable for their students

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SVU is working to provide a modern learning, training and research system in the academic and vocational fields to enable the learner and the trainee to engage effectively and directly in the labor market by developing their skills and regional needs in science and technology.





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Number of accumulative students till S19 semester:>

29716 students

Number of tutors: >521 tutors

7 undergraduate + 12 postgraduate programs, 1

diploma, 3 technical institutes,

The SVU is committed to strengthening the links between education and health through establishing the Medical Education Program for teaching and training health professionals after their graduation from Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing schools from all Syrian health sectors related to Ministry of Health, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of interior affairs, Ministry of Defense.



Aims to prepare a staff of qualified consultants to contribute to the advancement of medical education in the Syrian Arab Republic and to keep up on the academic accreditation of the colleges of medical professions.

- 337 registered in MEP
- 52 are in the process of graduation
- 5 graduated.















Medical Education Program











Activities of MEP during COVID-19











3. Creating Medical Education Team and Meeting to identify milestones



Create Medical Education team



Discuss the vision

Identify milestones

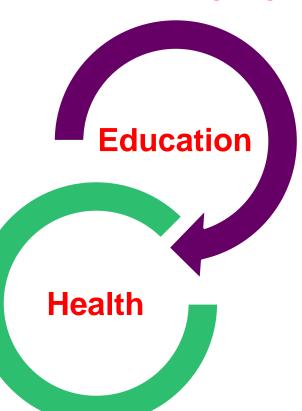




تمكّن فريق من برنامج التعليم الطبي في الجامعة الافتراضية السورية من الفوز بالبرتبة الثانية في المؤتمر العلمي الدولي الرابع لافتراضي، بعنوان "التنمية المستدامة وآفاق تحقيقها في الشرق الأوسط"، ع2 بكت حمل عنوان "استراتيجية مقترحة لتقليل فيات الفريق الطبي بكوفيد 19 باستخدام نموذج كوتر لإدارة التغيير".

MEP Achievement











Set guidelines

Publish studies and participate in

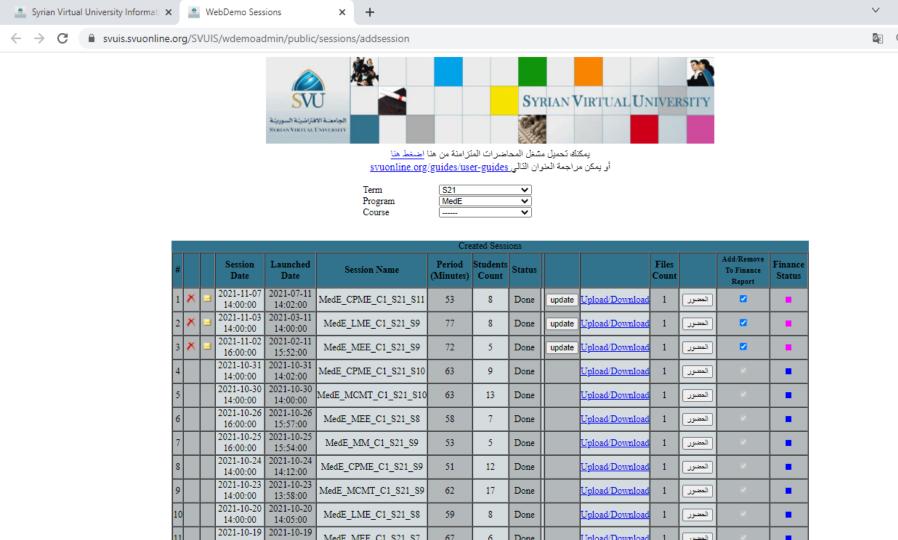
conferences

- Distribute instructions and protocols
- •Translate English guidelines

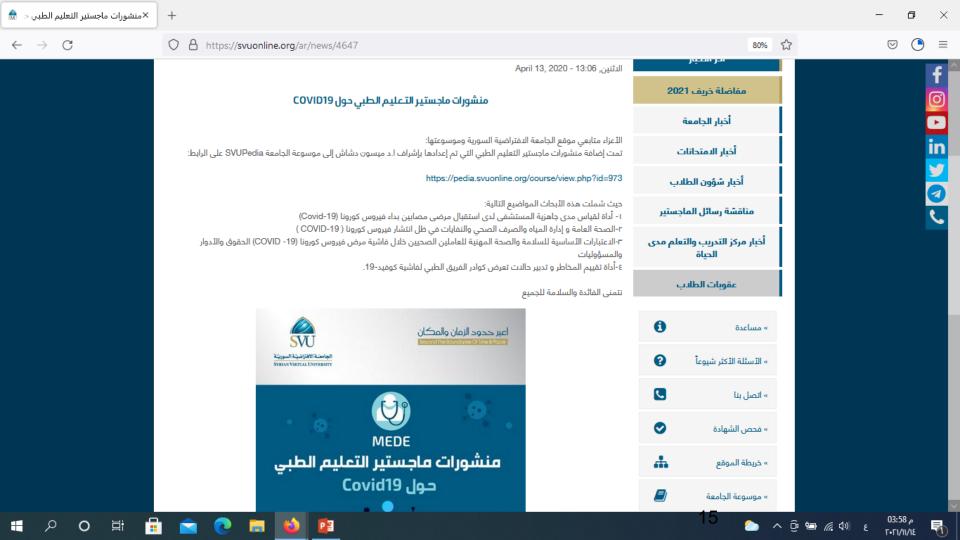


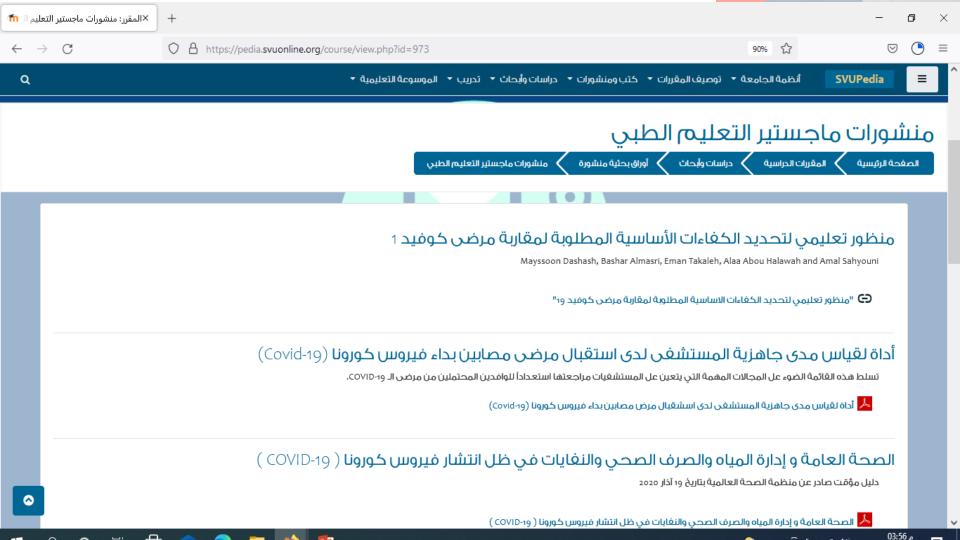


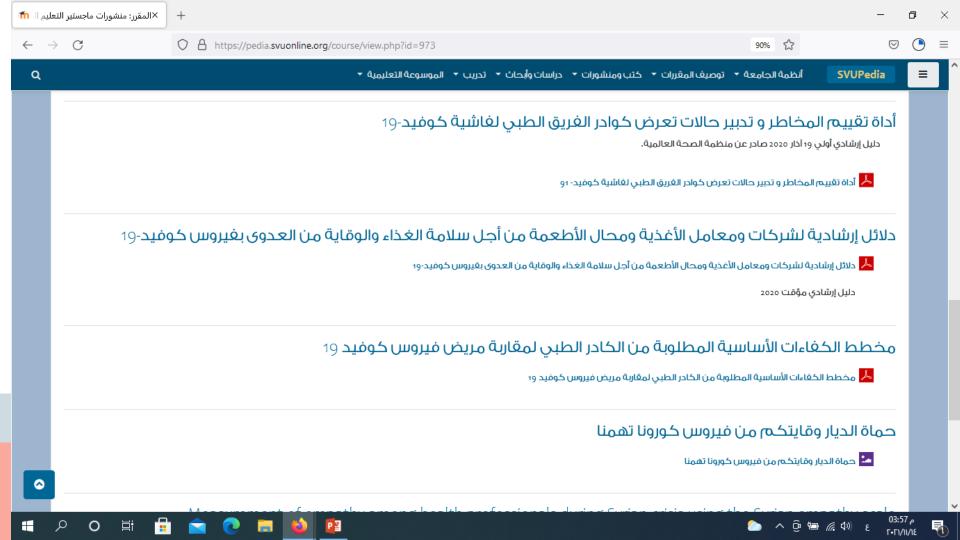




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Educational perspective for the identification of essential competencies required for approaching patients with COVID-19

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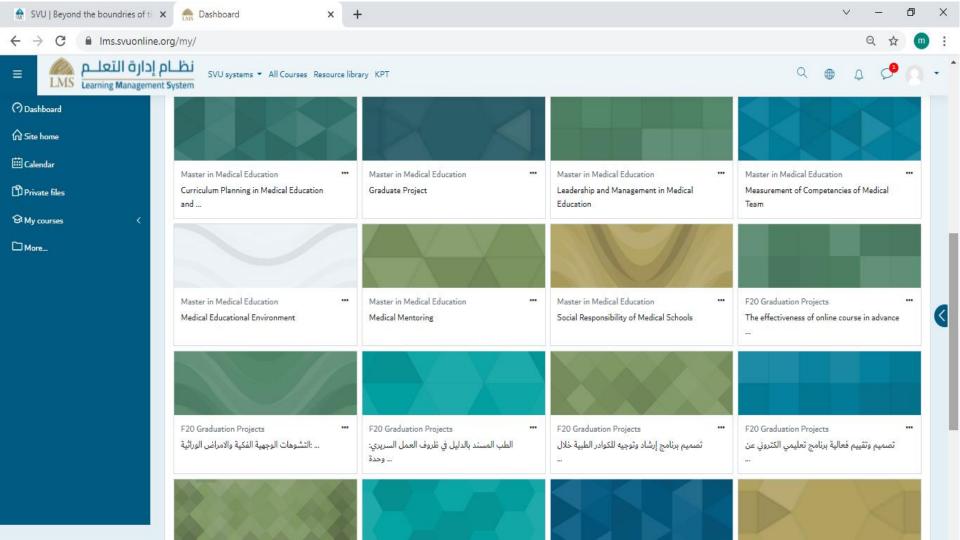
Abstract

Background: Health professionals are at the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic and are directly exposed to infection hazards. Therefore, they should have the essential competencies for approaching patients.

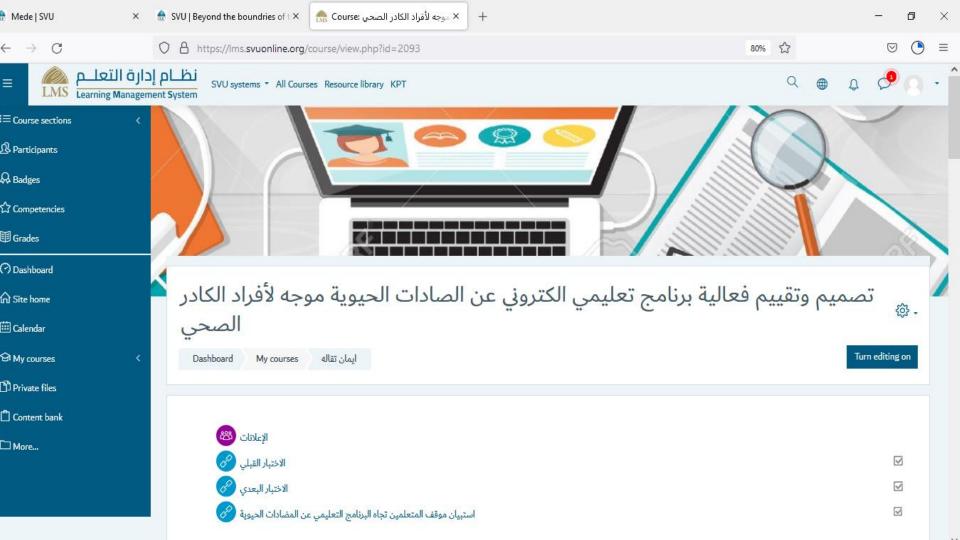
Aims: The study aimed to identify essential competencies required for approaching patients with COVID-19.

Methods: All postgraduate health professionals at the Syrian Virtual University SVU (*n*=28) were invited to participate in the study during the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, resulting in 20 postgraduates accepting. The Delphi technique was adopted for identifying competencies in medical education and a virtual meeting was undertaken through the University Management System in order to provide instruction and create a list of competencies. Competency domains were divided into 'knowledge', 'skills', and 'attitudes' and were classified into four categories: etiology, assessment and diagnosis, management, and prognosis.

Results: Fifty-two essential competencies were identified; 7 competencies on etiology, 7 related to assessment and diagnosis, 34 related to management, and 4 related to prognosis







SDG 3 Health and Well-Being

Health problems

Frontline health professional protection

Team work through mulitdisplinary team

Support preparedness, response and

readiness of country through:

Guidelines and publications

Development of E-contents in Health Sciences

filed







































SDG 4 "Quality Education"

- Online learning:
- equal access to knowledge and educational resources;
- Decrease differences between genders, because of the equal access to online education
- Access to technological infrastructure and technological resources;
- Educational activities

































Conclusion

Anchoring the Online education in the culture of Syrian medical faculties would be essential during crisis and would lead to deep and sustainable change.

There is a need for change in order to facilitate transformation in medical schools and support the achievement of SDG3, 4.



Technology can become the "wings" that will allow the educational world to fly farther and faster than ever before—if we will allow it.

-Jenny Arledge