Fırat University Veterinary Faculty
Elective Practical Training (EPT) Procedures and Principles

SECTION 1

Purpose, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose and Scope
Article 1:

1. These procedures and principles aim to define the rules for the implementation of Elective Practical Training (EPT) applications.
2. They encompass the definition, classification, content, and working periods of EPT for students at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Fırat University, as well as provisions for evaluating student attendance and success.

Basis
Article 2:
These procedures are based on Article 17, Clause b1 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, and Article 21 of the Fırat University Associate and Undergraduate Education Regulation.

Definitions
Article 3:
The following terms are defined as used in this directive:

- **Dean:** Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Fırat University.
- **EPT (Elective Practical Training):** Training provided under the supervision of an academician or veterinarian, conducted either within the faculty (e.g., graduation thesis, internships) or externally (e.g., private clinics, official institutions), to enhance students' professional knowledge, practical experience, and social skills.
- **EPT Form:** A form containing details, observations, and evaluations of the practical training process, completed for each student.
- **EPT Coordinator:** Vice Dean responsible for overseeing student-related matters.
- **EPT Provider:** Academician or veterinarian delivering the training.
- **EPT Place:** The institution (official or private) where the training is conducted.

SECTION 2

Implementation of EPT

Determination of EPT Providers
Article 4:

1. External EPT providers are identified in collaboration with the Faculty and the Veterinary Chamber Presidency. A one-year protocol is signed with each provider.
2. Mandatory summer internships are considered part of the EPT program and are governed by the Faculty Internship Directive.

Duration and Structure of EPT
Article 5:

1. EPT includes:

- Fourth-year training (7th and 8th semesters) in clinics outside the Faculty designated by the Veterinary Chamber.
- Summer internships conducted within or outside the Faculty.
- Graduation Thesis training in the 5th year (9th and 10th semesters) within the Faculty.

Conducting EPT
Article 6:

1. The EPT Coordinator organizes groups and informs providers about student attendance schedules.
2. Students use an EPT form (logbook) to record activities and submit it to the coordinator upon completion.
3. Providers complete a student evaluation form, and students submit an evaluation form for the provider, both of which are reviewed by the Faculty.
4. Students must attend at least 80% of the training. Absences or failures require participation in a make-up program.
5. Any disciplinary violations are handled according to the Higher Education Council Student Disciplinary Regulation.

Intra-Faculty EPT
Article 7:
This is conducted in accordance with the Faculty Internship Program and Graduation Thesis Directive.

Duties and Responsibilities
Article 8:

1. **Students** are responsible for attending the training, adhering to EPT location rules, actively participating in all activities, and completing required forms and reports.
2. **Providers** must offer a suitable learning environment and guide students as needed.
3. **Faculty** ensures monitoring and supervision throughout the EPT process.

SECTION 3

Final Provisions

Unspecified Cases
Article 9:
In situations not addressed by these procedures, decisions by the Faculty Board are applicable.

Entry into Force
Article 10:
These procedures and principles come into effect upon approval by the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine at Fırat University.

Implementation
Article 11:
The Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is responsible for implementing these procedures and principles.