

Avalon University School of Medicine, Curacao

Not Accredited

July 2016 Determination: *Not Accredited*

This was the second full accreditation exercise for Avalon University School of Medicine. The visit took place May 22-28, 2016 and involved a visit to the main campus in Curacao and clinical affiliates in the US. The team members were:

1. Professor Anthony Weetman (Team Chair)
2. Dr Paula Wales (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Joseph Branday

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 27-29, 2016 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision: The Authority noted that there was progress in some areas; however, the Authority decided that it was unable to accredit the programme because of the critical standards that were not met. The Authority observed that there was no marked improvement in curricular integration which relates in turn to the overarching concerns that there is no overall educational strategy and governance arrangements are weak.

The Authority asked that all promotional material, electronic or otherwise, accurately reflect the institution's current accreditation status.

July 2014 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the report of the reviewers' assessment of the progress report of Avalon University School of Medicine in response to CAAM-HP's letter of October 12, 2013. The CAAM-HP noted that efforts were being made to address the issues. However, the meeting was of the opinion that the school needed to seek guidance from a medical education professional as to the required structure and organisation of a medical school and determined, therefore, that the school should reapply for accreditation in 2016 instead of 2015.

October 2013 Determination: *Not Accredited*

The Avalon University School of Medicine is an offshore medical school located on the Dutch island of Curacao. The CAAM-HP survey team visited the school's main campus in Curacao and clinical teaching site in Chicago from February 16-22, 2013. The team members were:

1. **Dr Trevor McCartney**, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica, *Team Chair*
2. **Dr Ian Sammy**, Senior Lecturer in Emergency Medicine, Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad, *Team Secretary*
3. **Professor Marios Loukas**, Dept. of Anatomical Sciences, Dean of Research, School of Medicine, St George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
4. **Dr Penelope Hansen**, retired Professor of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

CAAM-HP at its meeting on October 11-12, 2013 considered and accepted the report by the *ad hoc* assessment team.

Decision: CAAM-HP noted the areas of compliance with its standards but cognisant of the many areas of substantial non-compliance particularly in the area of clinical training, determined that it was unable to accord accreditation to the MD programme. Avalon University is expected to address the issues flagged in CAAM-HP's letter and in the site visit report and reapply for accreditation within two years.