

**The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad**  
*Accreditation for four years, 2019-2023*

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**July 2022 Update**

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The 2022 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The report was accepted; however, the Authority noted the absence, in some instances, of documentary evidence to substantiate claims and it would have appreciated receiving more particulars about the internship programme. Additionally, the Authority remained concerned about the over-reliance on financial support from the government and hopes to see an improvement in this area with the implementation of the new business plan. Notwithstanding, the Authority commended the School for its continued efforts to address the areas of concern highlighted following the last site visit as well as its response to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Authority looks forward to receiving the documentation prior to the next site visit due in 2023 or, to hear of continued improvement in the next annual progress report, whichever comes first.

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**September 2021 Update**

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The 2021 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority considered and accepted the report and expressed satisfaction with the efforts made to address the concerns raised. It accepted the report and urged the School to continue improving all aspects of its programmes.

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**November 2020 Update**

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The 2020 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus School of Dentistry was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held November 18-19, 2020. The Authority considered and accepted the report and noted that some progress had been made and commended the School for the efforts to provide evidence of measures taken to address areas of concern. Nevertheless, the Authority expressed great concern about staffing, since several high-level posts remain vacant. CAAM-HP urged the School to continue to make improvements.

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## **July 2019 Determination: *Accreditation for four years, 2019-2023***

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This was the third full accreditation exercise for the UWI School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus in Trinidad by CAAM-HP. It was conducted November 1-8, 2018. The members of the site visit team were:

1. Professor Richard Ibbetson (Team Chair)
2. Dr Victor Eastmond (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Chris Louca

At its meeting held July 25-27, 2019, CAAM-HP considered and accepted the team's report of the site visit.

**Decision:** The Authority, after careful consideration of the site visit report, granted Accreditation for four (4) years, 2019-2023 and commended the school for the remarkable progress made. CAAM-HP expects the school to submit annual progress reports to demonstrate efforts being made to address the areas of concern identified in the report.

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## **July 2017 Update**

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The 2017 progress report from the UWI School of Dentistry, St Augustine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017. The Authority considered and accepted the progress report noting the significant progress being made in areas of the management structure of the school, infrastructural developments and the refurbishment of the Polyclinic. The Authority noted that the next full accreditation visit is due in 2018.

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## **July 2016 Update: *Accreditation on Probation extended, 2016-2018***

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 27-29, 2016 considered and accepted the progress reports of December 2015 and May 2016 in response to CAAM-HP's letter of July 25, 2015 as well as the report of the October 2014 site visit.

The Authority noted efforts to address some issues identified in its July 25, 2015 letter. However, significant concerns remain.

*The Authority decided to extend Accreditation on Probation for two (2) years from 2016-2018 at the end of which there will be a full accreditation visit. In the interim, the Authority looks forward to receiving the annual progress report in 2017.*

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## **July 2015 Determination: *Accreditation on Probation, 2015-2016***

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This was the second full site visit to the UWI School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus in Trinidad by CAAM-HP. It was carried out October 22-25, 2014. The members of the site visit team were:

4. Professor Kevin O'Brien (Team Chair)
5. Dr Paul Major (Team Secretary)
6. Dr Andrea Bonnick
7. Dr Shameer Ali

At its meeting held July 23-25, 2015, CAAM-HP considered and accepted the team's report of the site visit.

**Decision:** In the light of the issues highlighted in the report and CAAM-HP's letter, CAAM-HP accorded Accreditation on Probation for one (1) year, 2015-2016. The meeting drew particular attention to the issue of student and patient safety at the polyclinic. CAAM-HP expects to receive an interim report on the efforts made to address the issue with the polyclinic within the next six months and a full progress report addressing all concerns by the end of June 2016.

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## **July 2014 Update**

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the report and noted the introduction of the Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy programmes in September 2013 although these programmes had not yet received initial provisional accreditation from the CAAM-HP.

The site visit to the dental school will be carried out at the end of October 2014.

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## **October 2013 Update**

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held October 11-12, 2013 received and considered the progress report from the School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus.

CAAM-HP was pleased to note progress on a number of issues identified in earlier reports. The meeting noted too the increasing demand for entry and the high quality of applicants.

CAAM-HP noted that preparations for the site visit scheduled for 2014 are well underway.

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## **June 2012 Update: *Accreditation status extended to 2014***

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 22-23, 2012 received and considered the progress report from the UWI School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus.

CAAM-HP was pleased to note progress on a number of issues identified in the 2010 site visit report.

The meeting decided to extend the present accreditation status to 2014 and looks forward to receiving the annual progress reports.

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## **June 2011 Update**

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The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 24-25, 2011 received and considered the progress report from the School of Dentistry, St Augustine Campus.

The meeting noted that progress was being made in resolving some of the issues flagged in the survey report of 2010.

In addition, the meeting noted that in spite of the very positive nature of the progress report, its accreditation assessment should stand and that preparations be made for a full survey visit in 2013.

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## **December 2010 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2010-2012***

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UWI School of Dentistry, located on its St Augustine campus in Trinidad underwent an accreditation exercise from October 4-9, 2010. The members of the team who carried out the survey visit are as follows:

1. Dr Alison Lockyer (Team Chair)
2. Professor Ryle A. Bell (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Victor Eastmond
4. Dr Mark A. Edwards

CAAM-HP at its meeting on December 10, 2010 considered and accepted the report of the *ad hoc* assessment team.

**Decision:** CAAM-HP, noting the strengths in the DDS education programme but cognisant of the critical areas of weakness decided to Accredite the programme with conditions for the period 2010 – 2012.

The school is expected to provide annual reports to the CAAM-HP on the progress towards the resolution of the problems flagged in the survey report.

The CAAM-HP recommends that governments through the dental councils clarify their requirements for registration and in particular the need for internship. The syllabus should be made available to the schools. Where internships are required then they should follow the accreditation guidelines in terms of requirements for internship and provide the facilities and posts to allow for internships.