

Windsor University School of Medicine, St Kitts

Accreditation for two (2) years, 2023-2025

January 2023 Determination: *Accreditation for two (2) years, 2023-2025*

CAAM-HP paid a visit to Windsor University School of Medicine's campus in St Kitts and clinical affiliates in Chicago and Jamaica, September 15-23, 2022. This was the school's third accreditation exercise with CAAM-HP.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held January 31, 2023, considered and accepted the site visit report of the ad hoc assessment team, comprising:

1. Professor Jonas Innies Addae (Team Chair)
2. Dr Sateesh Arja (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Corrine Sin Quee
4. Professor Sandra K. Leeper-Woodford

In considering the report of the *ad hoc* team CAAM-HP noted the following:

Areas of Strength

- An enthusiastic and dedicated faculty as reported by students.
- Upgraded teaching & learning, and student facilities at the St. Kitts campus. At the St. Kitts campus, the school has adequate large classrooms and several small rooms for small group learning activities, including clinical skills instruction, and a dedicated examination hall for NBME exams.
- Online learning resources for students, with a strong IT backbone
- Multiple pathways for graduates to pursue career advancement. Graduates may apply for post graduate residency training through the National Residency Match Program (NRMP) in the US or other programs in other countries.
- Relatively low tuition.

Areas of Concern

- Almost total reliance on student tuition for revenue
- Low student enrolment
- High attrition rate of students
- Significant differences between student experiences at different clinical sites

Areas of Transition

- The school has implemented an integrated and modular curriculum in the basic sciences programme which can be evaluated in the future using measurable outcomes. This can be improved to provide defined outcomes to better accomplish educational goals.

Decision: The Authority, having carefully considered the team's report, decided that the programme be granted Accreditation for two (2) years, 2023-2025, with conditions.

CAAM-HP expects the school to submit annual progress reports to demonstrate efforts, supported by evidence, to address the areas of concern identified in the report, including but not limited to:

- overriding by the Dean of admissions decisions, without a recorded explanation
- discrepancies in the passing grade for the NBME CBSE examinations
- the seemingly inadequate amount of contact time between the student and attending physician
- limited involvement of faculty, and to some extent students, in ongoing quality assurance
- verification of the qualification of faculty for teaching, in the absence of terminal degrees in the subject area.

April 2020 Update: *Accreditation Review Pending*

A site visit to Windsor University School of Medicine was scheduled for early 2020 but has had to be put on hold as a result of the corona virus pandemic.

July 2019 Update

The 2019 Progress Report from Windsor University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25-27, 2019. The Authority noted the report and congratulated the school for the progress made.

The Authority looks forward to receiving the documentation for the site visit in 2020.

July 2018 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the progress report in response to issues previously flagged. The Authority acknowledged the efforts being made to address the weaknesses and recommended that the school prepare for a full accreditation review in 2020.

July 2017 Determination: *Not Accredited*

A visit was paid to Windsor University School of Medicine's campus in St Kitts and clinical affiliates in Chicago, September 19-24, 2016. This was the school's second accreditation exercise carried out by CAAM-HP.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

1. Professor Paul O'Neill (Team Chair & Secretary)
2. Dr Sharon Peters
3. Professor Minerva Thame
4. Dr Peter Adams

Decision: The Authority noted the good progress made in addressing the concerns identified in the 2014 site visit report and commended the use of the site visit report as the basis for the strategic plan. However, given that the programme was in transition in some critical areas, the Authority decided that it was unable to accredit the programme at that time.

July 2015 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 23-25, 2014 noted the report of efforts being made to address the issues in the letter of July 28, 2014 and in particular the appointment of a new dean. The meeting noted that there was a number of critical areas outlined in the aforementioned letter that still needed to be addressed and strongly recommended the appointment of a senior physician in the school's administration. CAAM-HP looks forward to the full site visit in 2016.

July 2014 Determination: *Not Accredited*

It has been brought to the attention of the CAAM-HP Secretariat that reports have been circulating that Windsor University School of Medicine in St Kitts has been accredited or provisionally accredited by CAAM-HP. The CAAM-HP wishes to advise that Windsor University School of Medicine is not accredited by the CAAM-HP. The site visit took place in March 2014 and, after consideration of the site visit report, CAAM-HP in July 2014 determined that it could not accord accreditation to the programme. The school was asked to reapply for accreditation in two years.

The survey team visited the basic science campus in St Kitts and clinical sites in the US, March 1-8, 2014. The team members were:

1. Professor Judy McKimm (Team Chair)

2. Dr Alison Dobbie (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Christopher Cheeseman
4. Dr Jerome Jones