

**The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Veterinary
Medicine, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad**
Accreditation with Conditions, 2016-2020

July 2023 Update

The 2023 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies St Augustine School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 19-20, 2023. The report was considered and accepted; however, the Authority expressed concern about the high attrition rate and the dramatic increase in the failure rate since the return to face-to-face teaching and assessment. The school is urged to investigate the reasons for this and identify a solution prior to the next site visit.

July 2022 Update

The 2022 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The Authority considered and accepted the report, although it remained concerned about the problematic relationship between the School and the Regional Health Authority and the impact this might have on the programme.

The accreditation status of The UWI School of Veterinary Medicine remains in effect and the Authority took note of the fact that the School is preparing for the next site visit early in 2023.

September 2021 Update

The 2021 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority considered and accepted the report, expressed concern at the financial impact on the School of the fallout from the global pandemic but urged the School to continue to make efforts to counter and address the problems. It looked forward to receiving the updated documentation for the next site visit, whether virtual or actual.

November 2020 Update

The 2020 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Veterinary Medicine 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 evidence that the School had been taking steps to address the areas of weakness. The Authority also noted that the site visit, originally scheduled for April 3-9, 2020, had to be postponed due to the pandemic. A new date will be scheduled at the earliest opportunity.

April 2020 Update: *Accreditation Review Pending*

A site visit to The UWI School of Veterinary Medicine was scheduled for early 2020 but has had to be put on hold as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

July 2019 Update

The 2019 Progress Report from The UWI School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25-27, 2019. The Authority considered and accepted the report but noted the continuing lack of adequate staff in the clinical programme. Concern was also expressed about the relationship between the teaching hospital, the school and the Regional Health Authority.

The Authority expects to receive 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 June 2018 progress report in response to issues previously flagged and noted the progress made. The school is due for a full accreditation review in 2020.

July 2017 Update

The 2017 progress report from the UWI School of Veterinary Medicine 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 efforts being made to address the issues outlined in the 2016 site visit report. However, the meeting raised the matter of the urgent need to address outstanding issues relating to the management of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and the provision of adequate study space and common areas for students. The meeting also expressed concern with respect to the number of vacant posts at a senior level and the impact of the budget cuts on the operations of the school.

July 2016 Determination: *Accreditation with Conditions, 2016-2020*

The second full site visit to the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of the West Indies by the CAAM-HP took place February 14-17, 2016. The members of the site visit team were:

1. Professor Thomas James Anderson (Team Chair)
2. Dr Sheila Allen (Team Chair)
3. Dr Paul Cadognan

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: In the light of the issues flagged in the report, the Authority accorded Accreditation with Conditions for four (4) years from 2016-2020.

CAAM-HP looks forward to receiving the annual progress reports indicating efforts being made to address issues cited in the site visit report and in its letter. Failure to comply would result in a redetermination of accreditation status.

July 2014 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered the report and commended the School of Veterinary Medicine for the efforts made in addressing the issues flagged in the letter of October 12, 2013.

The meeting also acknowledged the issues with the North Central Regional Health Authority (NCRHA). The next site visit will be in 2015.

October 2103 Update

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

The meeting noted that attention was being paid to all of the areas flagged in the survey report of the site visit in February 2009. The meeting noted that corrective measures in relation to some concerns had been accomplished and others were in train. It was noted too that while the takeover of the Veterinary Hospital (VTH) from the North Central Regional Health Authority (NCRHA) has not been achieved, the St Augustine Campus Administration is actively considering a proposal from the School of Veterinary Medicine for the take-over of the facility.

June 2012 Update: *Accreditation status extended to 2015*

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

CAAM-HP commended the School of Veterinary Medicine for efforts made to address the areas of concern flagged in the survey report of February 2009. As a result the meeting decided to extend the period of accreditation to 2015.

June 2011 Update

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

The meeting noted that attention was being paid to all of the areas flagged in the survey report of February 2009. The meeting noted that corrective measures in relation to some concerns had been accomplished and others were in train. CAAM-HP looks forward to further progress being achieved in future reports.

July 2010 Update

CAAM-HP, at its meeting held July 2-3, 2010, considered the progress report of the school and noted the efforts being made to address the areas of concern.

May 2009 Determination: *Accredited with Conditions, 2009-2013*

The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of the West Indies, located on its St. Augustine campus in Trinidad underwent an accreditation exercise from January 30 to February 4, 2009. This was carried out by a seven member team which included an observer, who is an Accreditation Officer from the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT). Team members were:

1. Ms. Lynne V. Hill (Team Chair)
2. Dr. Graham Brown
3. Dr. David DeYoung
4. Mrs. Patricia Jill Nute
5. Professor Susan Margaret Rhind
6. Professor Lorin Warnick
7. Mr. Curtis Floyd (Observer)

CAAM-HP at its meeting on May 29-30, 2009 considered and accepted the report of the *ad hoc* assessment team.

Decision: CAAM-HP, noting the strengths in the education programme but cognisant of areas of concerns, accorded accreditation with conditions to the programme for the period 2009 to 2013.