Universidad Católica del Cibao (UCATECI) School of Medicine, Dominican Republic

Not Accredited

January 2024 Determination: Not Accredited

This was the first full accreditation visit for the School of Medicine at Universidad Católica del Cibao (UCATECI) in the Dominican Republic. The site visit took place July 2-7, 2023, and involved a survey of its basic science campus and clinical teaching sites in the Dominican Republic. The site visit team members were:

- 1. Professor Robert Carroll (Team Chair)
- 2. Professor Sandra Leeper-Woodford
- 3. Dr Virginia D. Hardy

The CAAM-HP, at its meeting held January 24, 2024, considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision:

The Board, after careful consideration of the Site Visit Report, noted with concern the significant number of standards with which the school was not in compliance as well as those for which there was only partial compliance. The Board concluded that while UCATECI had a long-established medical programme, it required significant and fundamental changes to meet the standards prescribed by CAAM-HP. The application for accreditation status was therefore denied.

The Board was of the view that UCATECI could benefit from the services of a consultant to assist it in undertaking the requisite changes and strongly recommended that the school take steps to hire someone. The CAAM-HP Secretariat stands ready to help in identifying a suitable consultant to do so.