

The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Dentistry, Mona Campus, Jamaica

Programme placed on Probation for three years, 2020-2023

July 2024 Update

The Progress Report from The University of the West Indies Mona School of Dentistry was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 22-23, 2024. The Board noted the progress report and expressed grave concern at the persistent problems with staffing and finances, especially given the withdrawal of financial support for specific dental scholarships by the Government of Jamaica. It further noted that the School is scheduled to host a full accreditation site visit in November of 2024 and urged the School to prepare cogently for this visit.

July 2023 Update

The 2023 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies Mona School of Dentistry was presented to CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 19-20, 2023. While the progress report was noted, the Authority was extremely concerned about the viability of the School, the persistent weakness in staffing of the School, the high attrition rate and unreliable financial resources particularly since the termination of the fifty percent subsidy of student tuition. The Authority is concerned that the business model currently being pursued by the School has not to date brought the desired results and must be revisited.

The Authority looks forward to progress being made in these areas before the next site visit in 2024.

July 2022 Update

The 2022 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Dentistry, Mona was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The Authority determined that there were lingering concerns with the curriculum as there was no evidence that the School's response to the issues raised in the last site visit report had resulted in any significant changes. The Authority also remained concerned about the adequacy of staffing. The progress report was, however, accepted.

The accreditation status of being 'on probation' remains and the Authority expects to receive the documentation for the next site visit in 2023, for a redetermination of accreditation.

September 2021 Update

The 2021 Progress Report from The University of the West Indies School of Dentistry, Mona was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Board of the Authority took note of the significant steps taken to address the concerns identified and would encourage the School to continue these efforts. The accreditation status of being ‘on probation’ remained, however. The progress report was accepted.

November 2020 Determination: *Programme placed on Probation for three years, 2020-2023*

A full site visit was paid to the dental school at The University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona Campus, from October 6-9, 2019. The members of the site visit team were:

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

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held November 18-19, 2020 considered and accepted the site visit report of the ad hoc site visit team.

Decision: The Authority, after careful consideration of the site visit report, decided to place the programme on Probation for three (3) years, 2020-2023. Failure to adequately address the issues during this period will result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

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.

July 2018 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the May 2018 progress report in response to issues previously flagged and noted the progress made. The school is due for a full accreditation review in 2019.

July 2017 Determination: *Accreditation with Conditions, 2017-2019*

The CAAM-HP considered and accepted the 2017 progress report from the UWI Mona Dentistry Programme which was presented at its meeting held July 20-22, 2017. CAAM-HP noted the

marked progress made in addressing the concerns with respect to governance, budgetary arrangements, admissions processes and student representation.

In light of the progress made, the Authority agreed to accord Accreditation with Conditions for two (2) years 2017 - 2019.

July 2016 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation for 2 years, 2016-2018*

A full site visit was paid to the dental school at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona Campus, from November 3-6, 2015. The members of the site visit team were:

1. Professor Paul Major (Team Chair)
2. Professor Ryle A. Bell (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Anthony S. Blinkhorn

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 cited in the site visit report, the Authority accorded Provisional Accreditation for two (2) years from 2016-2018.

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 Determination: *Initial Provisional Accreditation*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 28, 2014 considered and accepted the site visit report of the visiting team which comprised Professor Ryle Bell and Dr Victor Eastmond.

The meeting acknowledged efforts made to address concerns and noted evidence of considerable progress though some areas of concern remain.

Decision: CAAM-HP granted Initial Provisional Accreditation for two (2) years, 2014-2016 with the following conditions:

The school provides a report to CAAM-HP towards resolution of the problems flagged above and in the report include a decision on the extension of the academic timeline for the first cohort of students and details of steps taken to improve the

management of the clinical programme. CAAM-HP should receive a progress report before the next visit in mid 2015.

October 2013 Determination: *Not Accredited*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held October 11-12, 2013 heard the report presented by the reviewers on their visit to the UWI Mona School of Dentistry, May 21-22, 2013.

The meeting determined that it was not in a position to grant initial provisional accreditation to the programme at this time.

June 2012 Update

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 22-23, 2012 received and considered the revised submission from the UWI School of Dentistry, Mona Campus.

CAAM-HP determined that the proposal did not make it clear enough how the specific needs of dental students as opposed to medical students will be accommodated especially in the first half of the programme. Specific information with respect to the curriculum was not provided and this is required before the accreditation process can be taken any further. CAAM-HP also noted that there was a lack of detail on some important organisational and governance matters.

CAAM-HP is of the view that this situation is inimical to the interests of the students given that students are already enrolled in the programme.

June 2011 Determination: *Pending*

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held June 24-25, 2011 received and considered the reviewers' report on the new School of Dentistry at the UWI's Mona Campus.

Decision: CAAM-HP determined that unless a credible programme for the teaching of dentistry at the Mona Campus was submitted for consideration at its next meeting that it would have no recourse but to protect prospective applicants and state that the programme is not accredited by CAAM-HP.