

# Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine, St Vincent

## *Accreditation for two years, 2024-2026*

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### July 2024 Update

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The 2024 Progress Report from Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 22-23, 2024. The Board accepted the Report and while recognising that insufficient time had elapsed since the May 2023 site visit to fully address all the issues raised, acknowledged the efforts made so far and urged the School to ensure that documentary evidence is presented in subsequent progress reports to verify the actions taken and their outcomes.

### January 2024 Determination: *Accreditation for two years, 2024-2026*

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This was the fourth accreditation review of Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine. The visit took place October 22-27, 2023, and involved a survey of the basic science campus in St Vincent & the Grenadines and clinical affiliate in Georgia.

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

1. Professor Olwyn Westwood (Team Chair)
2. Dr Sherline Brown (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Vishal Surender

**Decision:** The Board accepted the Site Visit Team's report and after careful consideration, concluded that the school's compliance with the required standards may have been affected by the significant turnover of top management in a relatively short period of time. Accordingly, the Board decided to extend accreditation status for two years only, 2024-2026, allowing the newly appointed leadership at the school time to settle in and steer the programme in the right direction.

It is expected that annual Progress Reports submitted by the school will demonstrate the steps taken to address the concerns raised by the Site Visit Team.

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### July 2022 Update

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The 2022 Progress Report from Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 25-26, 2022. The Authority

considered the report and noted with concern the inadequate response by the School to the issue of the absence of teaching cultural diversity, equity and inclusion. The meeting felt that there is need for greater effort on the part of the School to incorporate these important concepts in the curriculum. The report was, however, accepted.

CAAM-HP looks forward to receiving the documentation for the next site visit in 2023.

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## **September 2021 Update**

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The 2021 Progress Report from Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority considered and carefully analysed the report and, while acknowledging the impact on the School of a natural disaster as well as the global pandemic, expressed deep concern that the School's responses to the problems identified in the last site visit were not supported by evidential documentation. The School's heavy reliance on i-Human 'virtual' patients in clinical training was also a matter of concern.

The Board was not persuaded that the School had made sufficient progress in addressing the problems cited and took the opportunity to caution the School that continued failure to address the concerns could lead to loss of accreditation.

CAAM-HP looked forward to receiving the documentation for the next site visit, whether virtual or actual.

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## **November 2020 Update**

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The 2020 Progress Report from Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held November 18-19, 2020. The Authority considered and accepted the progress report Board but expressed disappointment at the absence of documentary evidence to support some of the claims made. The Authority was also concerned about the financial viability of the School, given its dependence on tuition fees solely, and requested audited financial statements for the past three years.

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## **July 2019 Determination: *Accreditation for three years, 2019-2022***

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This was the third full accreditation review of Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine (formerly Trinity School of Medicine). A visit was paid to Trinity School of Medicine's campus in St Vincent & the Grenadines and clinical affiliates in Baltimore, April 6-12, 2019.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25-27, 2019 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* assessment team comprising:

1. Professor Jonas Addae (Team Chair)
2. Dr Sherline Brown (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Elaine Williams
4. Professor Sam Kini

**Decision:** The Authority, after careful consideration of the site visit report, granted Accreditation for three (3) years, 2019-2022 with the condition that the school prepare for a focussed visit to the clinical sites within the next two years given concerns identified.

The school is expected to submit annual progress reports demonstrating the efforts being made to address the areas of concern identified in the report.

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## July 2018 Update

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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.

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

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A visit was paid to Trinity School of Medicine's campus in St Vincent & the Grenadines and clinical affiliates in Baltimore, April 2-8, 2017. 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 Russell Pierre (Team Chair)
2. Dr Damian Cohall (Team Secretary)
3. Professor Sheik Hassan
4. Professor Penny Hansen

**Decision:** In light of the issues flagged in the site visit report, the Authority accorded Accreditation with conditions for two (2) years from 2017 to 2019. The Authority noted the improvements made since the last site visit and drew attention to a number of weaknesses in the management of the curriculum which need to be addressed.

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## July 2016 Update

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

The Authority noted the significant progress made to address the issues identified in its letter and the site visit report and looks forward to the site visit in 2017.

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## July 2015 Determination: *Provisional Accreditation, 2015-2017*

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The CAAM-HP thanked Trinity School of Medicine for the work done in preparing the accreditation instruments and the arrangements made for the visiting team to the medical school in St Vincent and clinical teaching sites in New York and Maryland, March 22-28, 2015. This was the first accreditation exercise by CAAM-HP.

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 23-25, 2015 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team comprising:

1. Professor Jim McKillop (Team Chair)
2. Dr Damian Cohall (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Shamdeo Persaud
4. Professor Minerva Thame

**Decision:** In light of the issues flagged in the site visit report, the meeting decided to accord Provisional Accreditation for two (2) years, 2015-2017 and expects to receive annual progress reports indicating efforts being made to address the issues cited in the site visit report and CAAM-HP's letter.