

American University of Barbados (AUB) School of Medicine, Barbados

Initial Provisional Accreditation extended

January 2024 Determination: *Initial Provisional Accreditation extended*

This was the second full accreditation visit for American University of Barbados (AUB) School of Medicine. The site visit took place November 24 – December 1, 2023, and involved a survey of the basic science campus in Barbados and clinical affiliates in Guyana and Chicago, Illinois. The site visit team members were:

1. Dr Sateesh Arja (Team Chair)
2. Dr Vishal Surender (Team Secretary)
3. Dr Reeta Gobin

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 expressed dissatisfaction at the paucity of progress made and the seeming lack of urgency in addressing the concerns. Since the initial assessment in 2018, AUB had only moved from 51 areas of partial compliance to 42 in 2023. A major issue identified was the lack of cohesion among the basic medical science programme and activities at the two disparate clinical training sites in Guyana and in Chicago, USA.

The Board therefore came to the decision that unless AUB demonstrated, by the end of 2024, compliance with all the outstanding concerns raised (to be verified by a focused site visit) the school will lose its provisional accreditation status.

September 2021 Update

The 2021 Progress Report from American University of Barbados School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held September 22-23, 2021. The Authority considered and accepted the report, which revealed that only partial compliance had been achieved in as many as fifty-two (52) CAAM-HP standards. While noting with satisfaction the efforts made to address some areas of concern, such as student representation on the School's governing bodies, the Board felt the need for a flow chart / organogram to facilitate understanding of the School's governance structure. With regard to publication of research, the Board cautions the School to be more discriminating in selecting recognised journals in which to publish its work.

The School's initial provisional accreditation status will remain, until a site visit, whether virtual or actual, can be arranged.

July 2019 Update

The 2019 Progress Report from American University of Barbados School of Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 25-27, 2019. The Authority considered and accepted the progress report but expressed concern that there was no mention of student representation on committees of the institution and further, there seemed to be a lack of control over the clinical programme.

The school was cautioned about misrepresentations on its website. The Authority looks forward to receiving the documentation for the next full site visit in 2020.

July 2018 Determination: *Initial Provisional Accreditation for 2 years, 2018-2020*

This was the first full accreditation visit for American University of Barbados (AUB). AUB is an offshore medical school with its main campus on the island of Barbados. The site visit took place June 17-23, 2018 and involved a survey of the basic science campus in Barbados and clinical affiliates in Chicago, Illinois. The site visit team members were:

1. Professor Judy McKimm (Team Chair & Secretary)
2. Professor Shivayogi Bhusnurmath
3. Dr Emanuel Cummings

The CAAM-HP at its meeting held July 29-31, 2018 considered and accepted the site visit report of the *ad hoc* site visit team.

Decision: The Authority, having considered the site visit report, decided to grant Initial Provisional Accreditation for two (2) years, 2018-2020 and expects to receive the annual progress report in 2019 indicating steps taken to address the issues cited in the site visit report and CAAM-HP's letter.