



WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is an objective, peer review process designed to attest to the educational quality of new, developing and established educational programmes.

WHY ACCREDITATION?

The accreditation process ensures that medical, dental, veterinary and other health professions schools meet standards of structure, function, and performance and assures society and the health professions that graduates of accredited schools meet the education requirements for further training and the health care needs of the people in the Caribbean. The accreditation process adopted by the CAAM-HP has two general aims:

- To certify that a medical education programme meets prescribed standards, and
- To promote institutional self-evaluation and improvement.

OVERVIEW OF ACCREDITATION

Through accreditation, the CAAM-HP provides assurance to students, graduates, the health professions, healthcare institutions and the public that undergraduate programmes leading to qualifications in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and nursing and other health professions meet appropriate national and international standards for educational quality, and that the graduates have a sufficiently complete and valid educational experience. Accreditation standards and the general policies of the CAAM-HP are described in Standards for the Accreditation of Medical, Dental, or Veterinary Schools or Degree Nursing Programmes in the Caribbean Community, available on the CAAM-HP web site at www.caam-hp.org.

Acting independently of the participating countries, the CAAM-HP makes periodic evaluations of the medical, dental, veterinary and degree nursing education programmes in CARICOM countries. A list of schools offering CAAM-HP accredited programmes can be obtained from the CAAM-HP Secretariat. The list is made available to the public through the CAAM-HP web site available at www.caam-hp.org along with the date of each programme's next accreditation review.

Programmes judged by the CAAM-HP are awarded a state of accreditation according to the level of compliance with accreditation standards. See STATES OF ACCREDITATION of CAAM-HP.

TERM OF ACCREDITATION

An educational programme once accredited, remains accredited until the CAAM-HP terminates the programme formally or the programme itself terminates its accreditation status. If it is brought to

the attention of the CAAM-HP that an accredited programme has ceased to exist and has not formally terminated its accreditation status, the secretariat should investigate the matter and report on the matter as soon as possible.

Accreditation does not end merely because a certain period of time has passed. Programmes typically are subject to review on a six-year cycle. The CAAM-HP may determine that an earlier review is necessary, in which case the accreditation status does not change until a formal action is taken by the CAAM-HP.

WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION

In the event that the CAAM-HP determines that accreditation should be withdrawn, the letter transmitting that decision will specify the date at which accreditation ceases. Withdrawal or other determinations other than Accreditation without Conditions may be appealed using the procedures described in Appendix G 'Appeal Procedure for Actions Affecting Accreditation Status'.

In keeping with CAAM-HP's Procedures, "An educational programme once accredited, remains accredited until a new accreditation determination is made by the CAAM-HP or the programme itself formally terminates its accreditation status with the Authority.

Accreditation is a cyclical process and does not end merely because a certain period has passed."

Travel restrictions and border closings resulting from the COVID pandemic meant that site visits originally scheduled for 2020 and 2021 could not be carried out. However, with the easing of restrictions CAAM-HP is currently making every effort to carry out these visits as expeditiously as possible.

This means that the accreditation status of those schools affected remains in place until a new determination is made.

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Medical Schools

School
Status
Last Updated

1. All American Institute of Medical Sciences

Jamaica

Initial Provisional Accreditation Withdrawn

Jul 2016

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2. All Saints University

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica

Not Accredited

Jul 2017

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3. American International Medical University

Saint Lucia

Accreditation Denied

Jul 2018

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4. American University of Antigua College of Medicine

Antigua and Barbuda

Accredited for 4 years, 2018-2022

July 2022

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5. American University of Barbados

Barbados

Initial Provisional Accreditation for 2 years, 2018 - 2020

[Sep 2021](#)

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6. Avalon University School of Medicine

Curacao

Provisional Accreditation for 3 years, 2019-2022

[Sep 2021](#)

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7. British International University (BIU)

Montserrat

Accreditation Withdrawn

[Jul 2009](#)

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8. Caribbean Medical University

Curacao

Accreditation Denied

[Jul 2018](#)

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9. Commonwealth University College of Medicine

Saint Lucia

Candidacy for 2 years, 2019-2021

[Jul 2019](#)

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10. Global University Schools of Medicine and Public Health (GU-MED)

Turks and Caicos Islands

Initial Provisional Accreditation Withdrawn

[Jul 2015](#)

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11. Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

Dominican Republic

Accreditation with Conditions for 5 years, 2018 - 2023

[July 2022](#)

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12. International American University College of Medicine

Saint Lucia

Accreditation Withdrawn

[Nov 2020](#)

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13. Queen's University College of Medicine

Barbados

Candidacy

[Jul 2022](#)

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14. Ross University School of Medicine

Barbados

Accreditation with Conditions extended (Review Pending)

[Sep 2021](#)

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15. Saint James School of Medicine

Anguilla, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Follow-up site visit due whenever travel restrictions are lifted

[Jul 2019](#)

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16. Spartan Health Sciences University School of Medicine

Saint Lucia

Programme placed on Probation for 3 years, 2019 - 2022

[July 2022](#)

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17. St George's University School of Medicine

Grenada

Voluntarily Withdrawn, January 2021

Jan 2021

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18. Texila American University

Guyana

Accreditation for 3 years, 2023 - 2026

January 2023

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19. The University of the West Indies School of Medicine

Jamaica, The Bahamas, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago

Accreditation with Conditions extended, 2018-2022

July 2022

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20. Trinity Medical Sciences University School of Medicine

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Accreditation for 3 years, 2019-2022

July 2022

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21. University of Guyana School of Medicine

Guyana

Accreditation with Conditions, 2017-2022

July 2022

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22. University of Science, Arts and Technology (USAT)

Montserrat

Not Accredited

Jun 2012

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23. Vanguard University School of Medicine

Montserrat

Not Accredited

Jul 2015

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24. Western Atlantic University School of Medicine

The Bahamas

Candidacy for 2 years, 2021-2023

July 2022

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25. Windsor University School of Medicine

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Accreditation for 2 years, 2023 - 2025

January 2023

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26. Xavier University School of Medicine

Aruba

Voluntarily Withdrawn, February 2020

Feb 2020

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