Our students have been successful at the National Board Examinations in the United States of America, Canada and the United Kingdom; while several are pursuing postgraduate research work in the USA, UK and Holland. Others are employed with International Organizations. They have made us proud!!

ABOUT TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
It is most southerly of the chain of islands that extend from the South of Florida to the north-east of Venezuela. The twin island nation is under a single democratically elected government. The economy is largely energy based and the country is the world’s largest producer of methanol and urea; the largest supplier of natural gas to the United States and the Pitch Lake, on Trinidad’s south-western coast, is the world’s largest natural reservoir of asphalt.

The islands cover an area of 44 x 42 miles (71 x 68 km), encompassing a wide variety of ecosystems such as mountainous tropical rain forests, man-made dams, savannah grasslands, swamps and coastal belts. It has South American or neo-tropical fauna and flora and is also an ideal location for the water sport enthusiast. The multi-ethnic population of approximately 1.4 million represents all major religions. Its people are renowned for their hospitality, and Trinidad and Tobago is the home of the world-famous carnival, calypso and steelband.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from:

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES (UWI)
The University of the West Indies is the largest Regional University in the World and the premier Tertiary level Educational Institution in the Caribbean. The University was established in 1948 and has since expanded to four campuses - Cave Hill in Barbados, St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago, Mona in Jamaica and the Open Campus - all of which deliver high-quality education, research and services to all 15 contributing countries that support the University, as well as the Turks & Caicos Islands. The University of the West Indies currently has a total enrolment of over 39,000 of which approximately 15,000 are enrolled at the St. Augustine Campus.

THE FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
The Faculty was established in 1989 and includes the Schools of Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Advanced Nursing Education.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences, located at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex (EWMSC), sits at the foot of the Northern Range Mountain and comprises 72 magnificently designed structures on 140 acres (0.56 km²) of landscaped lawns and gardens. The EWMSC is approximately 25 minutes from the capital, Port of Spain, and 5 minutes from the St. Augustine campus of The University of the West Indies.

THE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
The School of Veterinary Medicine is the only one in the English-speaking Caribbean offering a complete DVM programme at a single site. The School is equipped with modern teaching and research laboratories, which facilitate practical training, and research projects. Our Veterinary Hospital consists of small animal, farm animal and equine clinics as well as a number of diagnostic laboratories.

Strengths...
- “One health concept” which integrates Dental, Human and Veterinary Medicine on one campus
- Small class sizes
- System-based as opposed to Discipline-based approach
- Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and Didactic Learning
- Focus on Tropical Medicine
- Clinical exposure to exotic diseases

- Wildlife medicine and health
- Excellent undergraduate research projects
- Food Safety/Molecular Biology/ Epidemiology
- High quality post-graduate programmes
- Experienced multinational faculty

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The 4-year DVM Programme
Students with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences or a related area from a recognised University may be eligible for entry into the 4-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Programme. Applicants must also have completed the pre-requisite Statistics, Biochemistry and Animal Production/Nutrition courses.

The 5-year DVM Programme
These applicants will have:
1. A Pure Science first degree from a recognized University.
2. Successfully completed the first two years of a 4-year degree programme in the sciences at a recognized University.
3. A triple major Associate Degree, which must include Chemistry and Biology/Zoology, with a GPA greater than 2.5 from an approved Community College.
4. The Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) and/or approved equivalents (e.g. GCE Advanced Level, German Abitur, French Baccalauréat and the International Baccalaureate) in Chemistry, Biology/Zoology and a third subject.
5. The Ontario Secondary School Honours Graduation Diploma (OSSHGD) awarded after Grade 13, or the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) awarded since June 1986, with an overall Grade of at least 60% or holders of equivalent Canadian qualifications.

Applicants offering other foreign qualifications are advised to contact us to confirm the acceptability of such qualifications before submitting their application forms.

The 6-year DVM Programme
For those applicants who do not meet the University's normal matriculation requirements, e.g. holders of High School (Grade 12) matriculation, admission into the 5-year DVM programme is possible on completion of The UWI's 12-month Pre-Veterinary Programme i.e. the Pre-Health Professions Certificate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Non-Academic/Co-Curricular Criteria
The application and selection processes also incorporate co-curricular criteria such as leadership and animal and veterinary related experiences, interpersonal experiences and communication skills. Applicants are expected to demonstrate these qualities as well as time management skills.

PROGRAMME
The School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) provides three entry points into the programme, spanning 4, 5 and 6 years and leading to the award of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. The academic year begins in September.
1. The 4-year programme consists of Phases IB, IIA, IIB and III
2. The 5-year programme comprises Phases IA, IB, IIA, IIB and III
3. The 6-year programme consists of the Pre-Vet year, Phases IA, IB, IIA, IIB and III

Phase IA is an integrated programme of study in which the medical, dental, veterinary and pharmacy students analyze integrated system-based problems together.

The DVM programme is designed to provide basic knowledge of the care of companion animals, the welfare and production of food-producing animals, and recognition, treatment and prevention of diseases and injuries of animals.

The courses in the programme are as follows:
Year 1 – Pre-clinical
Anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, animal production, computer sciences and integrated basic sciences

Year 2 & 3 – Paraclinical
Pathology, pharmacology, toxicology, parasitology, microbiology, immunology, public health, zoonoses, food hygiene, epidemiology and biostatistics, animal production, principles of medicine and surgery, avian diseases, environmental/community health