

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The W-I (Washington-Idaho) Veterinary Medicine Program is administered in Idaho by the Head of the Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Idaho. Originally established in 1974, the W-I Program annually provides 44 Idaho residents with access to a veterinary medical education through a cooperative agreement between the University of Idaho and Washington State University (WSU). The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree is awarded to Idaho students by Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine (WSU/CVM). Through the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (CVTC) in Caldwell, the University of Idaho provides experiential learning opportunities for the majority of veterinary students who have an expressed interest in production agriculture.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The University of Idaho provides educational opportunities for any senior student in the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine by teaching the equivalent of 65, one-month rotations in food animal production and clinical medicine at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (Caine Center) in Caldwell. These rotations are part of the Supplemental Core in the WSU/CVM Fourth-Year Curriculum. Faculty members at the Caine Center interact with Idaho veterinarians and livestock producers providing education and recommendations concerning animal production, diagnosis and clinical assessment of disease situations.

1. Provide access to veterinary medical education at WSU/CVM for Idaho residents – the current W-I contract reserves 11 seats per year for Idaho veterinary medicine students. A total of 44 Idaho students are enrolled in this program each year, 11 in each year of the 4-year curriculum.
2. Assist Idaho in meeting its needs for veterinarians – provide Idaho-trained, Idaho-resident graduate veterinarians to meet annual employment demands for the State. On average, 65-75% of new Idaho resident graduates of the W-I Program are licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Idaho annually.
3. Provide hands-on experiential learning opportunities for senior veterinary students by teaching supplemental core rotations in food animal production medicine and clinical experience, which are offered year-round at the Caine Center in Caldwell.
4. Provide access to referrals from Idaho veterinarians in the areas of food animal production, diagnosis, and clinical evaluation of diseases – a) accept 400 to 500 hospital clinical referrals annually as student teaching cases; b) provide disease diagnostic testing on approximately 15,000 assays annually, and; c) conduct on-farm disease investigations for herd problems as requested by Idaho veterinarians and livestock producers.

Washington-Idaho Veterinary Medicine Program

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
General Fund	\$1,822,500	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800
Total	\$1,822,500	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800
Expenditure	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personnel Costs	\$519,100	\$500,000	\$517,100	\$ 520,200
Operating Expenditures	1,203,400	1,211,300	1,244,300	1,276,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	20,900	59,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total	\$1,822,500	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided:

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Number of Idaho Resident Students Enrolled Each Year	44	44	44	44
Number of One-Month Student Rotations (or equivalent) offered at the Caine Center Per Year	65	65	65	65
Number of Accepted Clinical Hospital Referral Cases	418	179	264	276
Number of Accepted Veterinary Diagnostic Samples (assays performed)	18,341	15,245	9,842	8,368

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	Benchmark
1. Senior Veterinary Students Selecting Elective Rotations at the Caine Center.	54	71	67	71	40
2. Number/Percentage of Idaho Resident New Graduates Licensed to Practice Veterinary Medicine in Idaho.	7 Students (64%)	6 Students (56%)	9 Students (82%)	6 Students (60%)	7 students (65%)
3. Number of Disease Investigations Conducted by WI Faculty Members.	279	210	122	87	150
4. Number/Dollar Amount of Grants/Contracts by WI Faculty Members.	9 / \$358,651	8 / \$242,476	8 / \$326,332	8 / \$235,163	7 / \$300,000

Performance Measure Notes:

Our primary mission is teaching Supplemental Core Rotations at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center. These rotations continue to be very popular with senior veterinary students and receive consistently high student evaluations. Diagnostic services and field service activities remain strong, although veterinary practitioners and producers continue to request services of a veterinary pathologist, which would enhance the program.

Of the five faculty positions assigned to the W-I Program, four positions have been affected by turnover since July 2010 – one due to retirement (July 2010) and three due to resignation (September 2011, December 2012, and July 2013). Two positions have since been filled – a Program Director/Veterinary Scientist (January 2013), and a Clinical Assistant Professor (January 2014). The two remaining vacancies each carry a portion of funding from Agricultural Research and Extension, and filling these positions remains under consideration by department and college administration. With only three of the five positions now filled, all faculty members have been handling a much heavier teaching and service/outreach load to try to maintain and efficiently utilize our teaching resources.

WIMU – Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine (Washington State University, University of Idaho, Montana State University, Utah State University)

In 2012, WSU announced a new educational partnership program with Utah State University (USU) at Logan. With this new partnership, the W-I Program became known as the Washington-Idaho-Utah (WIU) Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine. Designed as a “2+2 program”, the Utah students spend their State of Idaho

first two years in Logan, and the final two years at WSU in Pullman where, as seniors, they have the opportunity to elect to participate in rotations at the Caine Center. Students accepted to this program earn a DVM degree from WSU College of Veterinary Medicine conferred by the Regents of Washington State University, with joint recognition of Utah State University. The first class of 20 Utah students entered the program at Logan in fall of 2012.

In 2013, Montana State University (MSU) became a fourth partner in what is now known as the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU) Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine. The first DVM class to include MSU students will be admitted in Fall 2014.

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