

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 by Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine (WSU/CVM) to students from Idaho. Through the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (CVTC) in Caldwell, the University of Idaho provides experiential learning opportunities for the majority of the veterinary students who have an expressed interest in production agriculture and who elect rotations at the CVTC.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Idaho Code § 33-3720. Professional Studies Program: Authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into contract agreements to provide access for Idaho residents to qualified professional studies programs, including the Washington-Idaho W-I (formerly WOI) Veterinary Medical Education Program [33-3717B (7)]. The original Tri-State [Washington-Oregon-Idaho (WOI)] Veterinary Education Program was authorized by the Idaho Legislature in 1973. The Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (Caine Center) at Caldwell was opened in 1977 as a part of Idaho's contribution to the WOI Program.

The University of Idaho (through the Idaho State Board of Education) contracts with WSU/CVM for admission of 11 new Idaho resident students per year; a total of 44 Idaho resident students are supported in the 4-year program annually by the Idaho contract. In addition, the program provides support for the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center at Caldwell where students in their 4th year of veterinary school participate in the equivalent of 65, one-month clinical rotations specifically related to food animal production medicine. 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 referral services for Idaho veterinarians in the areas of food animal production, diagnosis, and clinical evaluation of diseases – a) accept hospital clinical referrals as student teaching cases; b) provide disease diagnostic testing, and; c) conduct on-farm disease investigations for herd problems as requested by Idaho veterinarians and livestock producers.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Fund	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800	\$2,051,300
Total	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800	\$2,051,300
Expenditure	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Personnel Costs	\$500,000	\$517,100	\$ 520,200	\$ 538,900
Operating Expenditures	1,211,300	1,244,300	1,276,500	1,309,300
Capital Outlay	0	20,900	59,100	103,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total	\$1,811,300	\$1,882,300	\$1,955,800	\$2,051,300

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided:

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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	179	264	276	262
Number of Accepted Veterinary Diagnostic Samples (assays performed)	15,245	9,842	8,368	6,711

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Benchmark
1. Senior Veterinary Students Selecting Elective Rotations at the Caine Center. (Goal 1, Objective A)*	71	67	71	54	40
2. Number/Percentage of Idaho Resident New Graduates Licensed to Practice Veterinary Medicine in Idaho. (Goal 1, Objective A)*	6 Students (56%)	9 Students (82%)	6 Students (60%)	3 Students (34%)	7 students (65%)
3. Number of Disease Investigations Conducted by WI Faculty Members. (Goal 3, Objective A)*	210	122	87	125	150
4. Number/Dollar Amount of Grants/Contracts by WI Faculty Members. (Goal 2)*	8 / \$242,476	8 / \$326,332	8 / \$235,163	7 / \$170,800	7 / \$300,000

*Washington-Idaho (WIMU) Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Performance Measure Notes:

The primary mission is teaching Supplemental Core Rotations (electives) at the CVTC. These rotations continue to be popular with senior veterinary students and receive consistently high student evaluations. Diagnostic services and field service activities continue. 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). 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 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 was admitted in Fall 2014.

The Caine Veterinary Teaching Center has experienced more requests by students for rotations as a result of these changes.

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