



**University of Idaho**

**Idaho (Washington-Idaho-  
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Veterinary Medical Education  
Program  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
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## STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2021

### VISION STATEMENT:

Improved health and productivity of Idaho's food-producing livestock

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Transfer science-based medical information and technology concerning animal well-being, zoonotic diseases, food safety, and related environmental issues – through education, research, public service, and outreach – to veterinary students, veterinarians, animal owners, and the public, thereby effecting positive change in the livelihood of the people of Idaho and the region.

#### Goal 1. Education

**Objective A: Continue to provide and improve the highly-rated and effective experiential veterinary clinical teaching program.**

#### Action Items:

- Ensure offerings of elective rotations for experiential learning opportunities that meet contractual requirements (minimum of 65 rotations offered)

#### Performance Measures:

- Percentage of elective offerings (blocks) filled
- Number of seniors selecting rotations
- Number/percentage of Idaho resident graduates licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Idaho

#### Benchmark:

- Student participation in at least 80% of elective rotations offered<sup>1</sup>
- Greater than 40 students selecting rotations<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Based on internal standards set to maintain quality of program

- At least 7 Idaho resident graduates (65%) licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Idaho<sup>2</sup>

### **Objective B: Pre-clinical veterinary educational opportunities**

#### Action items:

- Administer experiential summer learning opportunities for first- and second-year students in veterinary education program (Northwest Bovine Veterinary Experience Program – NW-BVEP)

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#### Performance Measures:

- Annual recurring placement of students

#### Benchmark:

- Total of 12 first- and second-year veterinary students in the NW-BVEP annually<sup>3</sup>

### **Goal 2. Scholarly and Creative Activity**

**Objective: To provide the atmosphere, environment, encouragement, and time for faculty members to cultivate and nurture their scholarly and creative abilities.**

#### Action Items:

- Encourage faculty to remain influential in their professional/educational disciplines appropriate to the educational mission
- Contribute to the AVS Department areas of excellence and the CALS Beef Program of Distinction through grants and publications of research

#### Performance Measures:

- Number of fellows in disciplinary associations
- Personnel elected to leadership role in professional organizations
- External grants received
- Refereed journal articles

#### Benchmark:

- Participation in at least one departmental area of excellence and in the CALS Beef POD<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Based on national standards for return rates of similar programs

<sup>3</sup> Based on internal standards as a measure of program quality

- At least one invited presentation by each faculty member to local, state, regional, national, or international meeting.<sup>4</sup>
- At least one external research grant per year funded for scholarly activities and funding of NW-BVEP<sup>4</sup>
- At least one refereed journal article published per year per faculty FTE<sup>4</sup>

**External Factors:**

The Caine Veterinary Teaching Center (CVTC) has provided years of valued education for 4<sup>th</sup> year veterinary students from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine (WSU-CVM) and now WIMU. CVTC blocks are no longer a required component of the veterinary degree in WIMU. The CVTC is a referral veterinary clinic receiving cases from practitioners in the area. The number of cases referred has been steadily declining over the past 5-10 years. Since the original group of faculty was hired in the 1970s, no new faculty member has attained tenure and remained at CVTC. Currently only a single faculty member remains after resignations of two faculty in FY 2016. Significant Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station funds have been allocated to CVTC with expectations of research productivity; however, little research activity has occurred in the past few years. In order to address potentially a changing educational environment and to use research funds effectively, a review of the CVTC occurred the past year culminating with stakeholder input at a review in June. Veterinary education was identified as the essential function of CVTC. Expectations in veterinary education from WSU-CVM leadership have indicated that the food animal blocks offered through CVTC are important to meeting accreditation but some changes need to occur to fill holes not available through blocks offered in Pullman. Part of the issue is the desire by WSU-CVM for food animal population-based medicine experiences in Idaho. This is difficult due to the “referral” nature of the CVTC clinic. In order for greater field opportunities on farms and ranches in the food animal blocks, a change in faculty access to herds and flocks needs to occur. Utilizing University of Idaho animal resources will be the initial method to enhance access to herds and flocks. As such, faculty with primary responsibility to veterinary medical teaching will be located near existing University of Idaho farms and ranches, and in the heart of the dairy area, Magic Valley. As such, the CVTC will be closed by the end of FY 2017.

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<sup>4</sup> Based on internal standards as a measure of faculty quality