

# Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

The program of study leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree is discipline based. The program is delivered in two phases: a three-year preveterinary medical phase and a four-year veterinary medical phase leading to the DVM degree. This enables students flexible entry points depending upon their academic backgrounds. Generally, students from the North American model of education who hold a baccalaureate degree enter directly into the four-year veterinary medical program. Students from other academic backgrounds and some North American students begin their studies in the St. George's University preveterinary medical phase, which provides a firm foundation for the veterinary medical DVM degree program.

Students accepted into the preveterinary medical phase of the program are placed in the appropriate year (either the first, second, or third year of the preveterinary phase) according to their academic background and are enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program for five to seven years. Applicants accepted directly into the veterinary medical program generally complete the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree requirements in four years.

The preveterinary medical phase and the first three years of the veterinary medical program take place on the University's main campus on the True Blue peninsula of Grenada, West Indies. The final year is the clinical year spent at an affiliated AVMA-accredited School of Veterinary Medicine.

St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine (SGUSVM) graduates' scores on the NAVLE compare favorably with those students from US schools, and SGU veterinary medical students gain extra experience by getting hands-on training a year earlier than most programs. SGUSVM graduates have traditionally demonstrated impressive pass rates on the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons statutory licensing examination, as well as on the Veterinary Council of Ireland Registration examination.