

Accreditation Results
(Accreditation Results for School of Veterinary Medicine)

Kitasato University
School of Veterinary Medicine Faculty of Veterinary Medicine



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The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Program), School of Veterinary Medicine, Kitasato University (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty”), in line with the university’s principles and purpose, states as its goals for human resource development “to nurture individuals with advanced veterinary knowledge and skills, a rich personality, and appropriate problem solving skills, who can contribute to the health and welfare of both animals and humanity.” In order to achieve these goals, the Faculty has established the following educational and research objectives: “To create a foundation of basic and applied science in a broad range of areas, such as (i) animal bioscience, (ii) diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of various animal diseases, (iii) advanced, cutting-edge medical treatment for companion animals, (iv) public hygiene, including zoonosis and food safety, and (v) wildlife and environment conservation, and to attain the truth in those fields.”

The above purpose has, by and large, been achieved. The Faculty’s main distinctive endeavors include the following: students are taught professional knowledge from an early stage in order to develop their qualities as veterinarians; students participate in visits and training programs to experience what being a veterinarian, whose mission is to save lives, actually involves; students are granted credits for participating in a variety of on-site training programs, including internships held at overseas veterinary educational institutions, with numerous students participating every year; and the establishment of the Small Animal Medical Center, an organization affiliated to the university and the only place in Japan where cutting-edge cancer diagnosis and treatment is performed based on nuclear veterinary medicine. These are commendable endeavors.

However, the Faculty should work on improving the areas below.

Regarding the curriculum and learning outcomes, there is no system in place that enables students to raise objections to the assessment of academic achievement. Such a system should be established as soon as possible. An appropriate number of small animals are not used in pathological education, pathological dissections are not performed on birds, and pathological dissections are not conducted in Veterinary Pathology Laboratory I, which is part of the pre-clinical educational program. The situation should be improved.

As for the School’s faculty, the fields of specialization, positions, and ages of

full-time faculty members are appropriate, but the ratio of the number of female faculty members to the total number of faculty members is low. This should be improved.

With regard to the education and research environment, Kitasato University Veterinary Teaching Hospital has the necessary full-time faculty members and other staff to conduct participatory clinical training and everyday diagnosis and education. However, an excessive burden is placed on the members of faculty and staff, and no veterinarians or pharmacists are assigned to manage the pharmaceuticals. A bio-security manual should be prepared for medical treatment at the hospital.

We hope the Faculty continues to engage in self-study activities in order to improve its program, creates a mechanism that will enable improvement and reform based on the self-study results, and ensure and enhance the quality of its veterinary curriculum (undergraduate program), so that it can expand and develop its distinctive features even more.