



*Touro College
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**TOURO COLLEGE'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RECEIVES
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BY COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**

Leadership, Diversity, and Commitment Cited by Accreditation Team Report

New York, N.Y., February 23, 2011 -- Touro College's Graduate School of Social Work has received national accreditation from The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the exclusive national accrediting body for social work higher education, it was announced today by Touro College President and CEO Dr. Alan Kadish.

CSWE accreditation is a rigorous multi-year process, and verifies that degree programs meet high standards considered essential to high quality social work education. The CSWE voted to grant full national accreditation from the academic year of 2007-2008, the year in which candidacy was granted, through 2015.

"Congratulations to Founding Dean Dr. Steven Huberman and the faculty and staff at the School, who have worked diligently towards this momentous milestone that acknowledges the outstanding partnership between Touro College's administrators and the effective leadership provided by the School," said Dr. Kadish. "The Graduate School of Social Work has much to be proud of, and its achievements are a credit to all at Touro."

Among other strengths, the CSWE acknowledged in its accreditation site report the School's emphasis on diversity, solid programs in fieldwork and advisement, and commitment of faculty to program success.

Dr. Steven Huberman, founding dean of the Graduate School of Social Work, said: "With this significant recognition, the School's competent and empathetic professionals will continue to pursue their commitment to community service and academic excellence - not only in the New York metro area but globally. Our social work graduates are now poised to attain top social work positions throughout the world."

Dean Huberman cited highlights of the CSWE's report, which lauded some of Touro's specific achievements, including supportive college administrators who value the social work programs;

successful leadership embodied in a collegial and transparent leadership style; importance placed on diversity, which it called a “hallmark” of the program; a very strong, well-managed fieldwork program that provides excellent support for instructors and students; and hard-working, responsive faculty who, the report stated, are “an exemplar of collegiality and committed to student achievement.” The report also cited cohesive external relationships formed through a professional advisory board and a field educational advisory committee, and a state-of-the-art technology library and electronic resources, with support for information literacy for both students and faculty.

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Touro College President and CEO Dr. Alan Kadish, right, congratulates Dr. Steven Huberman, founding dean of Touro College’s Graduate School of Social Work, on the School’s receiving national accreditation from The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the exclusive national accrediting body for social work higher education. CSWE accreditation is a rigorous multi-year process, and verifies that degree programs meet high standards considered essential to high quality social work education. The CSWE voted to grant full national accreditation from the academic year of 2007-2008, the year in which candidacy was granted, through 2015. Among other strengths, the CSWE acknowledged the School’s emphasis on diversity, solid programs in fieldwork and advisement, and commitment of faculty to program success. This significant recognition, according to Dean Huberman, means that the School’s social work professionals will be able to pursue their commitment to community service and academic excellence, not only in the New York metropolitan area, but globally. The Graduate School of Social Work held its first commencement in 2008 and saluted an inaugural class of 43 students receiving master’s degrees in social work. Today, the School has more than 215 graduate students at its locations in midtown Manhattan and Brooklyn.

(Photo Credit: Dr. Nicholas Aiello)

Touro College's Graduate School of Social Work's Master of Social Work program is designed to train clinical social work practitioners to awaken and enliven the innate ability of individuals, families, groups and communities to learn to meet their own needs and sustain their own state of equilibrium, thereby enhancing human well-being. The program meets all academic requirements for both social work licenses: LMSW (Licensed Master Social Worker) and LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker).

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. More than 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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