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**TOURO COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OFFERS CERTIFICATION IN
TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

New York, N.Y., August 04, 2011 - Touro Graduate School of Education will offer a new Master of Science in Teaching Students with Disabilities in grades 7-12 this fall. The program will explore adolescent development and learning and teaching processes. This degree addresses a growing need for trained special education teachers across New York state.

“At this time of economic downturn and hiring freezes, the program leads to certification in areas of instruction in which there are deep shortages of qualified teachers,” said Dr. Lamar Miller, dean of the Graduate School of Education. “There are many unfilled high school special education teaching positions waiting to be filled by skilled teachers.”

The program prepares teachers to work with disabled students across subject areas and disciplines at the grade 7-12 level. . Graduates of the program can teach as co-teachers, consulting teachers, and resource room teachers. With additional course work, graduates can also teach as head teachers.

“Our graduates have done exceptionally well finding positions as teachers even in this economic climate,” said Associate Dean Dr. Ronald Lehrer. “Our programs integrate theory with practice, putting our graduates in a very good position to succeed in their teaching positions.”

The 42 credit grade 7-12 program is made up of general pedagogical core courses and subject-specific teaching courses, including six credit hours of field experience and practicum. Currently there are approximately 4,000 students enrolled in the Graduate School of Education, making it among the largest graduate schools of education in New York state.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 19,000 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 and Touro University Worldwide, are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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