

Touro College Graduate School of Education

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Touro College's Graduate School of Education to Host Conference to Help Unemployed Teachers Find Teaching Opportunities

New York, N.Y., January 3, 2012 – Touro College's Graduate School of Education will host a conference to help unemployed New York State-licensed teachers find work. The one-day meeting, which will be held on January 13, will focus on teaching opportunities outside of the public school system for teachers who have been negatively impacted by the recent budget crisis in New York.

A variety of presenters from parochial and charter schools with openings for teachers will discuss issues such as qualifications for teachers at their schools as well as how—and to whom—they should submit applications. The presenters will also discuss the nature of students at their schools (for example, whether they are gifted or special education students), traditional standard classrooms, salary expectations and positions that teachers with specific specialties should consider.

In June, a last-minute compromise between the teacher's union and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg averted mass layoffs this school year. However, public school budgets are still \$178 million lower than last year and a hiring freeze is in place, leaving many qualified teachers without jobs.

"According to the Department of Labor, there are approximately 6,000 teachers out of work in New York, even though they are well trained in education and special education," according to Dr. Anthony J. Polemeni, vice president of the Division of Graduate Studies. "We want to give them an opportunity to see what else is out there beyond the public school system and I think they'll find that there are a number of avenues worth exploring."

The conference is the brainchild of Dr. Lamar Miller, dean of the Graduate School of Education, who wanted to tackle the growing problem of teacher unemployment.

Representatives of Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, charter and secular private schools will participate and give presentations to inform unemployed teachers about job openings and talk about their schools. One speaker will make a presentation about opportunities in the areas of children's therapy.

The meeting will take place at the Graduate School of Education in Manhattan, located at 43 West 23rd Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues) on the third floor. Reservations are necessary to attend. To reserve a spot, please call 212-463-0400, Ext. 5785 or email ingbere@touro.edu.

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