



Touro to Offer M.S. in Accounting

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Touro College's Graduate School of Business intends to offer for the first time a Master of Science degree in accounting this September.

The degree program will be available at both the college's downtown Manhattan location at 65 Broadway and at Touro's Brooklyn campus at 1602 Avenue J in the Midwood section of the borough.

The master's program in accounting is being administered by the Graduate School of Business; however, it is being offered at the Avenue J campus as a convenience to those students living in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The program was created as a result of New York State's new guidelines that make it mandatory for those who take the CPA Exam to have 30 additional credits on top of their undergraduate credits in accounting. As of Aug. 1, 2009, New York State will require candidates for the CPA Exam to have completed 150 semester hours in lieu of the current 120-hour requirement.

Recent performance data indicates that Touro ranked first in the nation on the regulation portion (taxation and law) of the 2007 CPA Exam, according to Barry Bressler, dean of undergraduate business at Touro. In addition, 87 percent of Touro students taking the exam passed, a figure greater than any other institution in the U.S., the college claims.

Courses in the new master's program include: "Advanced Auditing," "Financial Markets," "Ethics in the Accounting Profession," "Accounting Theory," "The Impact of Technology on Accounting" and Managerial Economics." Students will then have a choice of four of the following six elective courses: "International Accounting," "Internship in Accounting," "Advanced Topics in Taxation," "Financial Statement Analysis," "Forensic Accounting," and "Advanced Issues in Managerial Accounting."

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