

We are very pleased and proud to announce that the Touro College Manhattan Campus Physician Assistant Program has been approved by the New York State Department of Education to grant a joint B.S./M.S. degree in Physician Assistant Studies. This change in academic degree entails a program upgrade that will keep Touro College competitive in the field of PA education. The new curriculum will result in a joint Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (BS/MS) and will replace the current Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant program.

The new BS/MS PA Program will better reflect the rigorous nature of the professional PA curriculum which follows a medical model, and will enhance the professional status of our graduates. In addition to serving the health care needs of the people of New York State, the MS PA graduates will be qualified to participate in research and scholarly endeavors, and to make contributions in the academic arena. The revised professional curriculum will emphasize research, scholarship, and leadership skills.

The BS/MS PA Program supports the Touro College institutional mission to provide educational and professional opportunities, to foster access to underserved populations, and to contribute to the building of a better society for all through these educational opportunities. In addition, the BS/MS PA Program supports the institutional mission and goals of promoting academic and scholarly achievement, while fostering the ethical and humanistic values of the Judaic tradition.

The BS/MS PA Program will develop highly competent practitioners who value critical inquiry and lifelong learning, and who can meet the demands of an ever-changing health care environment. The Program will foster the development of compassionate practitioners who have high ethical standards and who have the skills to build productive collaborative relationships. By accomplishing these objectives, graduates of our program will provide vital services to the community as integral members of the health care team.

The new BS/MS Program will start in Fall 2008, with the Class of 2011. We will begin accepting applications for the program in September 2007. Applicants to the new program will need a minimum of 90 transferable credits, of which 60 must be liberal arts and sciences. The new program will be 32 months in duration. Watch our website, www.touro.edu/shs/pany for comprehensive information on prerequisites for admission and details of the program curriculum.