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Touro University endeavors to provide ongoing and uninterrupted educational experiences in a safe and effective environment for our students, staff and faculty. Given the dynamic circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and any other future unknown or unforeseen events and the uncertainties that may be attendant thereto, Touro may choose or be compelled to change the method of course delivery and other relevant policies at any time. Any changes will be communicated in a timely manner and posted prominently on Touro's website and intranet. We ask that you please stay in contact with your Program administration, faculty and student services staff and remain current with any guidance issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **COVID-19 RELATED CLINICAL PROCEDURES**

TCDM programs have certain clinical/course requirements and sequencing. While each program strives to adhere to its established timing of courses and clinical experiences, unforeseen events may hamper their availability. When such situations occur, it is possible that the completion of a program may be delayed and the time in the program extended to meet accreditation requirements. Furthermore, once appropriate clinical experiences have been arranged, it is up to the student, not the program, to decide whether to attend the clinical site. Should a student decline to participate, the student understands that their progression in the program may be delayed. Students declining to participate in clinical or other experiential components of their program should contact their clinical coordinator to ensure graduation requirements are met as well as financial aid and other rules and regulations are satisfied.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In 2016, as a member of Touro University's growing family of outstanding healthcare education providers, the Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) became the first dental school to open in New York State in nearly 50 years. With an academic environment that is rigorous, engaging and vibrant, TCDM prepares the next generation for rewarding careers in this top field. Our school is still relatively new, but average scores of incoming students on the Dental Admissions Test place TCDM in the top 10% nationwide.

Nearly half a century ago, Touro opened with a small cohort of students. Today enrollment stands at 19,000, encompassing 35 schools around the world, including schools in New York, Illinois, California and Nevada, as well as in Berlin, Moscow and Israel. Our mission is to serve both the Jewish and general populations.

In so doing, we provide neighborhood-based undergraduate programs for the underserved and offer a comprehensive range of baccalaureate degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, pre-professional courses, and specialized career-oriented programs. Advanced degrees in education, law, medicine, pharmacy, allied health sciences, social work, psychology, business and technology, among others, are also available. Touro graduates attend the most competitive advanced degree programs in the country, and alumni lead nationally and internationally renowned organizations.

As we expand upon our unprecedented growth, Touro continues to form an integrated network of centers of academic excellence, synthesizing the best of our past with our future aspirations. Touro is deeply committed to serving humanity and building a better world, as well as to providing personal attention for students seeking to maximize their personal and professional growth. In carrying out our goals, we continue to work with our students in a collective effort to help make the world a better place for all.

Thank you for joining us in pursuit of our mission and your dreams. I wish you the greatest success in achieving your academic and professional aspirations.

Alan Kadish, M.D.

*Alan Kadish, M.D. is President of Touro University, the largest Jewish-sponsored educational institution in the United States.*

*Before succeeding Dr. Bernard Lander as Touro's second president in 2010, Dr. Kadish distinguished himself as a prominent cardiologist, dedicated teacher and researcher, and experienced administrator.*

### ***From the Classroom to the Boardroom***

*A graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University, Dr. Kadish received postdoctoral training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a fellow in cardiology. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, and cardiac electrophysiology.*

*Prior to joining Touro in 2009 as Senior Provost and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Kadish taught at the University of Michigan and held a 19-year tenure at Northwestern University. He served Northwestern as the Chester and Deborah Cooley Professor of Medicine, Senior Associate Chief of the Cardiology Division, Director of the Cardiovascular Clinical Trials Unit, and sat on the finance and investment committees of the Northwestern clinical practice plan.*

*An accomplished and prolific research scientist as well, he has published over 250 peer-reviewed papers, received numerous grants, including from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, and contributed to several textbooks.*

*Dr. Kadish is a past chair of the Clinical Cardiology Program Committee of the American Heart Association, and has been elected to prestigious scientific research and education societies including the American Association of Professors, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and the American Society of Physicians.*

### ***Jewish Values, Global Vision***

*As a forward thinker and a deeply committed observer of the Jewish faith, Dr. Kadish was a natural fit with our mission to serve the educational needs of our varied constituencies throughout the country and around the world.*

*He has helped Touro expand its unique offerings for Jewish and underserved communities while becoming a top-tier institution for the study of health sciences and medicine. Our distinct medical programs—two colleges of pharmacy, four colleges of medicine, and graduate schools and programs in health sciences—serve increasingly large and dynamic student populations. Touro University is one of the largest healthcare educational systems in the U.S., and Dr. Kadish has positioned Touro to lead a new era in medicine.*

*In providing educational opportunities that are rigorous, accessible, and—perhaps most of all—relevant, Dr. Kadish keeps our vision clear and progressing ever forward. Under his leadership, we continue to prepare a new generation of scholars, entrepreneurs, and leaders for the world ahead.*

*Dr. Kadish, who was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens, and educated in yeshivas in New York, is married with four children.*

## **DR. BERNARD LANDER, FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE TOURO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Dr. Bernard Lander was an inspirational leader and visionary who revolutionized the field of education. As an educator and preeminent scholar, Dr. Lander devoted his life to Jewish and general higher education. Dr. Lander founded Touro College in 1970 and served as its first president until his passing in February 2010. Under his stewardship, Touro underwent significant growth, becoming an institution with multiple campuses and international reach. In February 2022, Touro was granted University status by the New York State Board of Regents. Today, Touro University educates approximately 19,000 students across the United States and around the world.



Dr. Lander's creative genius and original thinking continues to be reflected in Touro's innovative approach to the field of higher education. He believed that it was his mission in life to strengthen Jewish continuity through the myriad of Torah and educational institutions that he established, and to provide opportunities for advancement for individuals from all walks of life.

Before founding Touro College, Dr. Lander was recognized as one of the foremost influences on American Jewry. After receiving semicha (rabbinical ordination) from his beloved teacher, Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik, he assumed the prestigious pulpit position at Beth Jacob Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland. Soon thereafter, in recognition of his work at Columbia University while earning his doctorate in sociology and his communal leadership, he was named associate director of former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's Committee on Unity, a precursor to the city's Commission on Human Rights.

In 1958, Dr. Lander was appointed dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, where he played a major role in the establishment of a network of graduate schools. He also served for over thirty years as vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, where he emerged as a spokesman for the American Jewish community and was deeply involved in the creation of its acclaimed youth movement, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. Simultaneously, he was a professor of sociology at The City University of New York and was selected to serve on several presidential commissions that dealt with social policy issues. Touro College and Touro University are Dr. Bernard Lander's legacies, institutions that will continue to provide quality education for many generations to come.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
AND PROVOST, GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DIVISIONS**



Dear Touro College of Dental Medicine Students,

Congratulations on choosing Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) to continue your education. At TCDM, you will find a vibrant intellectual health care education community where faculty and students interact with respect and professionalism and work side-by-side conducting research and serving the community. You have selected a dental school that is student-centered and focused on your success. We have a lot to offer, and hope that you will, in turn, take advantage of myriad opportunities for learning and inquiry, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Since TCDM is uniquely positioned within the Touro University network, as it is located on the campus of New York Medical College, you will have opportunities to engage in research, participate in our university-wide Research Day, engage with thought-leaders in the health care space, and interact with health care professionals across many specialty areas. You will also have opportunities to work side-by-side with colleagues from Touro's rich health sciences offerings to learn together through various inter-professional education (IPE) experiences. This is an exceptional opportunity offered in the context of a university that enrolls more than 3,000 students annually in medicine, health sciences, dentistry, pharmacy and related disciplines such as physician assistant, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, mental health counseling, and social work.

It is indeed the people that make the place. At TCDM, the faculty, administration, and staff are warm, caring, and committed to your success. Your TCDM education will provide the subject matter and skills knowledge required to excel as a Doctor of Dental Medicine. Because of our mission and commitment to social justice and serving the underserved, you will hone leadership skills that will enable you to help others and to make a difference.

Please familiarize yourself with the programs and policies contained in this catalog as they will guide you throughout your academic journey at TCDM.

I look forward to meeting you and to watching you reach your academic and career goals, first as students and then as alumni. Best wishes for a meaningful experience at TCDM.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Salkin, J.D., Ph.D.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



The opening of the first dental school in New York State in almost 50 years is an opportunity of a lifetime and the students who come to participate are educated in a remarkable environment which will produce oral health care providers for decades to come.

I have spent the past forty years in dental education and I know there has never been a more exciting time in the profession. The changes in the health care delivery system, the new technology, and the cutting-edge research all point to an incredible future. Here at the Touro College of Dental Medicine you will be exposed to all of these and more. Our mission “is to graduate outstanding dental professionals who will utilize a complex knowledge base and sophisticated perceptual skills to deliver excellent health care service to their diverse communities with integrity, compassion, and empathy.” Our curriculum will address this as we evolve to become a leader in graduating clinicians who will advance the science and practice of dentistry.

The collaborative resources available on the New York Medical College campus, where the college is located, along with the vast resources available throughout Touro University, offer endless possibilities to educate you, the oral health professionals of the future, as well as the interprofessional opportunities of other health professional students. The educational program at the TCDM will equip our diverse student body with the tools necessary to educate our patients about primary care and provide oral health care to a broad community, especially those most at risk.

Welcome to the Touro College of Dental Medicine!

Ronnie Myers, D.D.S.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Touro University is an independent institution of higher education under Jewish auspices, established to promote and perpetuate the Jewish heritage, as well as to serve the general community in keeping with the historic Jewish commitment to intellectual inquiry, the transmission of knowledge, social justice, and service to society. Touro offers undergraduate, graduate and professional programs that serve diverse components of the Jewish community and the larger society, especially those who have been historically underserved. These academic offerings span Jewish studies, the liberal arts and sciences, and medical and health sciences. Touro is a University where personal growth, scholarship and research are fostered and where men and women are prepared for productive lives of dignity, value, and values.

The core values of the University are based on two fundamental components, as reflected in Hillel's dictum in Ethics of the Fathers, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am concerned only with myself, what am I?" These values mirror Touro's commitment to quality education as well as integrity, inclusivity, equity and respect for all members of the Touro Community.

The following goals support Touro's Mission:

1. To impart and enrich the Jewish heritage and its tradition of intellectual inquiry and to incorporate its ethos into the University's academic offerings
2. To promote inclusivity, ethical behavior, and social responsibility through the curriculum and community outreach
3. To advance the career interests and professional aspirations of our students through a broad range of academic programs and innovative approaches
4. To advance faculty and student research and scholarship
5. To promote educational opportunities and access, focused on the student experience and student success

## INTRODUCTION

This catalog is intended to be a guide to students, informing them of their rights and responsibilities as well as institutional policies and procedures. It does not constitute a contract, and therefore the University reserves the right to make changes at any time without prior notice. This edition replaces and supersedes all prior editions.

Students are responsible for knowing and observing all regulations which may affect their status at the University. For this reason, they are expected to acquaint themselves with the contents of this catalog and to read regularly the notices posted on the Touro website.

In addition, individual programs within the Touro University may have their own handbooks outlining the policies and procedures that apply specifically to students in those programs. In such cases, the student is responsible for knowing both the school-wide and program policies.

TCDM students are responsible for being familiar with current academic regulations, requirements and policies as contained in this catalog and in the TCDM Student Handbook. Current versions of these documents and policies can be found on the TCDM website. Students are also responsible for knowledge of official announcements and other documents issued by TCDM.

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY**

Touro University (“Touro” or “the University”) is a Jewish-sponsored independent institution of higher learning and professional education founded to strengthen Jewish heritage while providing the highest quality educational opportunities to society as a whole.

The University was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1970 and opened a year later as “Touro College.” In 2022, Touro celebrated its 50th anniversary and was granted university status by the Board in recognition of the institution’s advanced academic standing. Shortly thereafter, in 2023, Touro marked yet another new and exciting chapter in its history with the opening of its new Cross River Campus at 3 Times Square. The modern campus brings together eight schools in more than 300,000 square feet, housing state-of-the-art classrooms, research labs and administrative offices on 12 floors.

Touro has grown from an initial class of 35 students in New York City to an international university system of approximately 19,000 students located in six states and four countries. Its commitment to academic excellence and growth through innovative programs continues to inform all of Touro’s endeavors. Today, Touro enjoys the strong leadership of Chancellor Rabbi Doniel Lander and President Dr. Alan Kadish in furthering Touro’s historic purpose.

Touro’s schools serve a variety of communities, providing engaging courses in a range of fields - from medicine and pharmacy to law; business to education; and speech pathology to Jewish studies. The Touro educational experience reflects the Jewish intellectual tradition of commitment to the transmission of knowledge, social justice, and respect for applied knowledge and discovery.

It is this commitment to a Jewish intellectual tradition that fuels the many outstanding achievements by faculty and students throughout Touro. At the same time, the Touro University experience goes beyond classroom instruction - Touro fosters an atmosphere of warmth, in which close faculty-student relationships, student camaraderie and individual attention are nurtured.

### **ENHANCING THE JEWISH HERITAGE**

Touro’s first college, the Touro College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was established in 1971. Decades later, the various divisions of the College were designated The Lander Colleges, in honor of Founding President Dr. Bernard Lander, for his historic contribution to higher Jewish education



in America. The Lander Colleges embody Touro's commitment to enriching the college experience for Jewish men and women. They are comprised of three colleges: The Lander College of Arts and Sciences – Flatbush (with separate divisions for men and women); the Lander College for Women – The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School in Manhattan; and the Lander College for Men in Queens. Other Touro schools similarly dedicated to the unique needs of the Jewish people include the Graduate School of Jewish Studies, which prepares students for careers in education and community service; the School for Lifelong Education, to serve the academic needs of the Hasidic community; the Institute for Professional Studies – Machon L'Parnasa, which provides practical applications in higher education for the ultra-orthodox community; and Touro College Los Angeles, which follows a curriculum modeled after The Lander Colleges. In 2015, Touro welcomed the Hebrew Theological College of Skokie, Illinois into the Touro system.

### **FULFILLING NEEDS - AND BUILDING STRENGTH - IN HEALTH CARE**

Touro has grown into one of the largest healthcare educational systems in the country. Beginning with the School of Health Sciences in New York City in 1972, Touro pioneered the training of physician assistants and established other campuses in the New York area that prepare healthcare professionals to serve a broad range of patient needs including nursing, physical and occupational therapy, speech language pathology, psychology, and mental health. In 2020, Touro responded to the growth of data and security issues in healthcare by expanding its offerings to a new campus in Skokie, Illinois with programs in healthcare cybersecurity, data analytics, nursing and physician assistant studies.

The Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) opened in 2007 in Harlem, committed to training underrepresented minorities and to practicing in underserved communities. Subsequently, in 2014, a second campus of TouroCOM opened in Middletown, New York and most recently, in 2023, a third TouroCOM campus opened in Great Falls, Montana - set to further TouroCOM's mission of educating underrepresented minorities in medicine and serving communities in need. The Touro College of Pharmacy, originally established in Harlem with a shared vision to promote wellness, especially among underserved populations, relocated to our new Cross River Campus in Times Square. In 2022, Lovelace Research Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico joined the Touro system. Founded in 1947, Lovelace is one of the oldest not-for-profit biomedical research institutes in the country, noted for excellence in respiratory disease and neuroscience research, toxicology, drug development and protecting the nation against chemical, biological and nuclear threats.

In 2011, New York Medical College (NYMC), one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious health science universities, joined the Touro system, thereby creating one of the largest affiliations of medical and health education and biological studies programs under one banner. Located in Westchester County, NYMC is the leading academic biomedical research center between New York City and Albany, with nearly \$38.5 million in sponsored research and other programs under management. In 2016, the Touro College of Dental Medicine opened on the NYMC campus, New York State's first new dental school to launch in nearly 50 years.

A Western Division was established in 1997 with Touro University California (TUC) and its several health science schools: Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Touro University College of Pharmacy, and the College of Education and Health Sciences. In 2004, Touro University Nevada (TUN) was created as a branch campus of TUC to help address critical needs in health sciences and education and as a resource for community service in Nevada. TUN includes the Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Health and Human Services, which offers numerous degree programs in health sciences and education.

### **CHARTING NEW TERRITORY IN LAW, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, opened in the 1980's, operates out of a new law complex on Long Island that includes a federal and state courthouse – the first law campus of its kind in the country. The Graduate School of Business offers a variety of graduate degree programs and trains graduates to work effectively in a world market of independent economies. The Graduate School of Technology offers multiple degree programs that reflect the power and pace of technological change. Touro University Worldwide, an online university, offers graduate degree programs for lifelong learners or those interested in furthering their professional development.

### **EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS, SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

Touro's Graduate School of Education prepares America's future leaders in education with one of the largest teacher education programs in New York State. Through its Lander Center for Educational Research, public schools are assisted in addressing problems that impact student achievement and equality of educational opportunity. The New York School of Career and Applied Studies was established to provide quality undergraduate education at multiple locations throughout New York City that serve the needs of the city's diverse populations. The Touro College Graduate School of Social Work inspires and prepares graduates for clinical social work practice in a variety of urban and multicultural environments and to advocate effectively for the most underserved in society.

### **FORGING TIES WITH ISRAEL AND REVITALIZING JEWISH LIFE IN EUROPE**

Touro College in Israel was established in 1986 to provide the English-speaking population in Israel with the opportunity to earn credits towards an academic degree while studying in Israel. In 1991, Touro College became the first American institution of higher education to establish a program of Jewish studies in Moscow. The Lander Institute Moscow, established to afford members of the Jewish community a greater awareness of their Jewish heritage, offers a well-rounded general education and preparation to serve organizations and schools. In 2003, Touro began offering an academic program through Touro College Berlin and later established on the Berlin campus the Lander Institute for Communication about the Holocaust and Tolerance.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please visit: <https://dental.touro.edu/dds-program/academic-calendar/>

## TOURO COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE MISSION

The Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) at New York Medical College is a teaching and research institution, committed to innovation and diversity. Integrating the principles of Touro's mission, the hallmarks of the DDS program are a strong academic education and community involvement. The Touro College of Dental Medicine has a basic science curriculum developed in conjunction with [New York Medical College's School of Medicine](#), an allopathic (MD) medical school.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Touro College of Dental Medicine at New York Medical College is to graduate outstanding dental professionals who will utilize a complex knowledge base and sophisticated perceptual skills to deliver excellent health care service to their diverse communities with integrity, compassion, and empathy. The school is dedicated to conducting important educational and clinical research, while providing excellent dental health services to the public.

## TCDM COMPETENCIES FOR THE PRE-DOCTORAL CURRICULUM

### 1. Professionalism and Ethics

- 1.1. Provide compassionate, humanistic and ethical care to a diverse population of patients.
- 1.2. Communicate effectively with peers, other professionals, staff, patients or guardians, and the public at large.
- 1.3. Recognize the role of lifelong learning and self-assessment in maintaining competency.

### 2. Critical Thinking

- 2.1. Apply critical thinking, problem-solving skills and/or basic biomedical science foundational knowledge in the comprehensive care of patients.
- 2.2. Evaluate and integrate best research outcomes with clinical expertise, patient values and/or basic biomedical science foundational knowledge for evidence-based practice.

### 3. Practice Management

- 3.1. Comply with federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to all clinical procedures.
- 3.2. Evaluate relevant models of oral health care management and delivery.

- 3.3. Understand the basic principles and philosophies of practice management and have the skills to function successfully as the leader of the oral health care team.
- 3.4. Establish and maintain patient records and assure confidentiality of information.

#### **4. Patient Assessment**

- 4.1. Identify a patient's chief complaint, general needs, past medical and dental history, and treatment expectations.
- 4.2. Perform a clinical examination of the head and neck and intraoral structures.
- 4.3. Apply information technology resource in contemporary dental practice.
- 4.4. Assess the need for and apply radiographic selection criteria, perform selected intra and extra-oral radiographic procedures.
- 4.5. Recognize predisposing and etiologic factors that require intervention to prevent disease.
- 4.6. Interpret findings from the history, clinical and radiographic examinations, and other diagnostic procedures.
- 4.7. Recognize the manifestations of systemic disease and how the disease and its management may affect the delivery of dental care.

#### **5. Treatment Planning**

- 5.1. Formulate and discuss with the patient an individual, comprehensive, sequenced treatment plan and alternate plans based on relevant diagnostic finding and patient considerations.
- 5.2. Discuss etiologies, prognosis, and preventive strategies with the patient, educate the patient so they can participate in the management of their own oral health care.
- 5.3. Identify the need for and manage timely referrals and consultation with other health care providers when appropriate.

#### **6. Patient Care: Diagnose and Manage (i.e., refer or treat) the oral health care of the child/adolescent and adult, as well as the unique needs of geriatric, and special needs patients. This includes:**

- 6.1. Dental pain and emergencies, including trauma.
- 6.2. Performing and evaluating therapies that emphasize prevention of oral disease
- 6.3. Restoring missing or defective tooth structure to proper form, function, and esthetics.
- 6.4. Patients with partial or complete edentulous areas.
- 6.5. Patients with periodontal disease.
- 6.6. Patients with pulpal disease and related periradicular pathology.
- 6.7. Patients with temporomandibular disorders.
- 6.8. Patients with malocclusion in the primary, mixed, and permanent dentition.

- 6.9. Patients with oral mucosal and osseous disorders.
- 6.10. Patients requiring oral surgical procedures.
- 6.11. Identifying and managing patients with pain and anxiety associated with dental procedures.
- 6.12. Selecting and administering and/or prescribing appropriate pharmacological agents in the treatment of patients with dental disease.
- 6.13. Applying principles of behavioral patient management and interpersonal skills as they pertain to patient-centered approaches for promoting, improving, and maintaining oral health.
- 6.14. Recognizing and managing medical emergencies that may occur in dental practice.
- 6.15. Recognize and manage complications of dental treatment.
- 6.16. Periodically assess and monitor the outcomes of comprehensive patient care.

## **CAMPUS FACILITIES**

### **19 SKYLINE DRIVE**

The home of the Touro College of Dental Medicine is a 250,000 square-foot, five-floor building with ample parking, located at 19 Skyline Drive in Hawthorne, NY. The building accommodates clinical administrative, faculty and staff. It contains an auditorium, conference room, a library, and a dining facility. Also located there is the Dr. Edward F. and Mrs. Anna M. Asprinio Fitness Center – a full service, 25-machine workout area with attached yoga studio and weight room.

In addition to classrooms, the building includes a computerized testing center, a simulation lab, and a 132-chair clinic facility – which is divided into eight clinical practice units. It also includes a separate pediatric dentistry and oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic.

The offices of the Bursar and Registrar serving TCDM are located in the nearby Administration Building, also known as Sunshine Cottage.

### **MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER (MEC), BASIC SCIENCES BUILDING (BSB), AND HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY (HSL)**

The Medical Education Center (MEC) is a 56,000 square-foot, four-story building, located on the NYMC campus. The MEC contains a 250-seat auditorium, module classrooms, and the anatomy laboratory.

The Basic Sciences Building (BSB) has approximately 122,000 square feet of laboratory and office space dedicated to research. The space is configured as open laboratories with core instrument areas in order to provide maximum flexibility for the recruitment of top-level faculty scientists.

The Health Sciences Library (HSL) is located at the junction between the Basic Sciences Building and the Medical Education Center. The Library consists of approximately 19,000 square feet, with an additional 3,000 square feet at a branch location at 19 Skyline Drive. The HSL features two computer rooms, two small group study rooms, a 20-person classroom, conference room and ample study carrels.

The Health Sciences Library has enjoyed a 40 percent expansion from its previous space, offering larger areas for collections, study and teaching, and rooms for the Harvey cardiac teaching models and Educational Media Services. The second and third floors can accommodate up to 216 students in a variety of flexible configurations within nine module classrooms, each divided into small group teaching and study rooms. The entire fourth floor of the MEC is dedicated to the Alumni Gross Anatomy Laboratory. The lab is used to teach medical students in the fall and dental students in the spring.

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

### **TOURO COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE – LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Touro University maintains eleven libraries for student use in the New York area – two in Manhattan, six in Brooklyn, two in Queens, and one in Suffolk County. The libraries are led by 29 professionals (24 full-time and 5 part-time) who hold Master’s degrees from institutions accredited by the American Library Association, aided by a skilled support group of 13 full-time staff members who hold Bachelor’s degrees. Hours of operation at all of the libraries are scheduled to allow ample access before and after classroom sessions. Services at all locations include library instruction, research advice, and reference assistance, which promote information seeking and evaluation skills as an integral part of the University and its programs.

Touro University librarians have developed a LibGuide specific to dental students. This research guide assists students in finding hand-picked resources and can be found at <http://libguides.tourolib.org/c.php?g=456890&p=3122295>.

In consultation with faculty, librarians have amassed a strong collection of materials specific to Touro’s health sciences programs. These resources include 9,287 e-books, 647 e-journals, 19,086 print books, and 44 current print journals, as well as electronic resource e-book collections that directly support dental students. Among these are:

- *Access Medicine*
- *Ebook Central*
- *EBSCO eBook Collection*
- *MEDLINE*
- *Mental Measurements yearbook with Tests in Print*

The libraries also offer links to a number of important databases, including:

- Cochrane Library Dentistry Search
- PubMed Dentistry Search
- Access Medicine Dentistry Search
- Trip Dentistry Search
- Health and Medical Collection

Touro University students access all library online materials (databases, e-books, e-journals, et al.) by signing onto the TouroOne portal.

In cases where items or resources are not available at a Touro library, library staff will reach out to non-Touro libraries to obtain them. No charge is imposed for this service.

Faculty and student workshops on information literacy are conducted regularly. Tutorials and webinars have been added to complement the library teaching and learning component. Librarians often team-teach with faculty, and embedded library sessions help to integrate information literacy into students' coursework, and across the curricula.

### **NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY**

The Main Health Sciences Library is located at the junction of the Basic Sciences Building (BSB) and the Medical Education Center (MEC), right off the BSB Lobby and across from the cafeteria. The Health Sciences Library (HSL) serves all faculty, students, employees, and sponsored residents and fellows of the New York Medical College and the Touro College of Dental Medicine. The HSL fosters excellence and innovation in education, research, and scholarship through the provision of curated resources, expert services, facilities conducive to independent and collaborative learning, and wide-ranging community partnerships in support of the university mission.

The New York State Library has designated the Health Sciences Library as a Leader Electronic Doorway Library. The Library is also a Resource Library in the Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) of the [National Network of Libraries of Medicine](#) (NN/LM). The Library actively participates in the [Online Computer Library Center](#) (OCLC) global network and remains a full member of [METRO](#), the New York metropolitan area library planning cooperative. [Loansome Doc](#) use is promoted and encouraged; METRO card access for the public is honored via local libraries. The Library is also a founding member of the [HILOW+](#) library consortia, composed of health sciences libraries in the upper Westchester County and Hudson Valley region of New York State.

### **Health Sciences Library (HSL) Information**

Mailing address: Health Sciences Library, 15 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595

Phone: (914) 594-4200

NYMC Library Director: Marie Ascher, MS, MPH, AHIP ([marie\\_ascher@nymc.edu](mailto:marie_ascher@nymc.edu))

TCDM Liaison, Associate Director: Deborah Crooke, MLIS, MPH ([deborah\\_crooke@nymc.edu](mailto:deborah_crooke@nymc.edu))

### *Health Sciences Library Hours*

The Health Sciences Library is open 24/7 but is ID access only outside of normal service hours. Normal service hours are as follows:

- **Monday - Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- **Friday:**
  - April - September: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - October - March: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Saturday:** Closed for Sabbath
- **Sunday:** 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### *HSL Calendar Schedule*

For more information on library service hours and events, check out our calendar [here](#).

Students in the dental school have onsite access to the physical space and onsite resources of the Health Sciences Library, but also have full online and off-campus access to the resources of the [Touro University Libraries](#).

### **Skyline Library Information:**

Mailing address: GN-F22, Ground Floor, 19 Skyline Drive, Hawthorne, NY 10532

Phone: (914) 594-2032

TCDM Liaison, Associate Director: Deborah Crooke, MLIS, MPH ([deborah\\_crooke@nymc.edu](mailto:deborah_crooke@nymc.edu))

NYMC Library Director: Marie Ascher, MS, MPH, AHIP ([marie\\_ascher@nymc.edu](mailto:marie_ascher@nymc.edu))

### *Skyline Library Hours*

The Skyline Library can be accessed by ID card swipe 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. 7 days a week. A security guard is stationed at the lobby desk from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. on weekdays.

## **ADMISSIONS**

The Touro College of Dental Medicine strives to admit those candidates who are best qualified academically and exhibit the potential to become outstanding graduates. Numerous factors are considered in the admissions process. First, one must have the passion, drive and aptitude to become a dentist. A candidate must have an undergraduate education that includes pre-dental science courses as well as a broad exposure to the humanities and social sciences. Academic competence to succeed in dental school is assessed through the applicant's college record, GPA, and DAT scores. Applicants must also show evidence of those personal characteristics expected of a dental professional: altruism, compassion, honesty, integrity and, in keeping with TCDM's stated mission, a commitment to provide care for people who are disadvantaged and underserved.



A dental student must possess excellent observation and communication skills, superior motor functions, and the conceptual, integrative and quantitative skills needed to study and practice dentistry. A future dentist must have the physical capacity and emotional maturity to complete dental school and practice dentistry independently.

The application process is competitive and each applicant is given an individual, flexible holistic review. Admission criteria are not weighted. It is the policy of TCDM to seek to admit a diverse class with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, cultural and economic background, and life experience. Strongly motivated students from educationally deprived and historically underrepresented backgrounds are actively sought and encouraged to apply. TCDM believes that a diverse student body provides a valuable educational experience that prepares the dental student for the real world of dental practice in a multicultural society.

All policies regarding admissions, employment, and educational programs and activities are established and administered in conformity with the laws of the State of New York as well as applicable federal laws including, but not limited to, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and regulations thereunder, prohibiting practices or policies in admissions, education programs or employment that are in any way discriminatory on the basis of gender or disability, respectively.

## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the undergraduate coursework specified below, our admission requirements are as follows:

### ***BACHELOR'S DEGREE***

You will need a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. All courses offered in satisfaction of the requirements for admission must be taken in or accepted as transfer credits by an accredited college in the United States or Canada and must be acceptable to that institution toward a baccalaureate degree.

Students who have not yet received their Bachelor's degree, but have completed at least 75% of their undergraduate credits, may request that they be considered for admission.

### ***DENTAL ADMISSION TEST (DAT)***

All candidates are required to take the Dental Admissions Test recommended and approved by the American Dental Association (ADA). This test is viewed by the Admissions Committee as evidence of minimal academic competence and as a standardized test which allows appropriate comparisons. The DAT must be taken prior to the supplemental application deadline of January 31 of the application year, and within the three years prior to the year of entry. In cases where students have taken multiple DAT examinations, the most recent score will be used to assess candidate performance.

### ***GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)***

Although TCDM will evaluate each student's record on an individual basis, the candidate must have achieved a minimum science GPA of 2.7 and an overall GPA of 2.7 on a scale of 4.0 in a professional or graduate or undergraduate studies program to be eligible for consideration to the DDS program. Students' success in undergraduate science courses will be evaluated based on increasing academic performance over time.

### ***LETTERS OF EVALUATION***

You will need to include one (1) Pre –Dental Committee letter of evaluation OR three (3) letters of evaluation from undergraduate faculty.

- If you opt for the three letters of evaluation from undergraduate faculty, two (2) letters must be from science faculty who taught the applicant or supervised independent research for credit.
- Acceptable science courses include: biology, chemistry, physics, bio-medical engineering, or bio-engineering, etc. (Math is not considered a science course for purposes of letters of evaluation.)
- The third letter of evaluation can be from a non-science course or volunteer work done in a dental office/clinic.
- One (1) of the letters of evaluation must be from an instructor in a course in the applicant's major.
- If your date of graduation prior to 2016 (this does not include 2016) and are unable to obtain letters of evaluation from your undergraduate or graduate school, you may submit other academically oriented letters. However, providing the letters requested will strengthen your application.

### ***GRADUATE SCHOOL***

If an applicant has completed or is currently completing a graduate degree, in addition to the undergraduate letters outlined above, a graduate pre-dental advisory committee or individual graduate letter of evaluation is required.

### ***OPTIONAL LETTERS OF EVALUATION***

Letters of evaluation from employers and/or volunteer clinical or community service experiences are highly recommended, but not required.

### ***UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK***

Students interested in the DDS program need to meet the following prerequisites in their undergraduate or post-baccalaureate study. The Admissions Committee has no preference for a major field of undergraduate study, but any college work submitted must include specified credits

in chemistry, physics, biology and English. Science courses must include substantial laboratory work.

- General Biology, 2 semesters or equivalent, with labs
- General Chemistry, 2 semesters or equivalent, with labs
- Organic Chemistry, 1st semester or equivalent, with lab
- Biochemistry, 1 semester, with or without lab
- Physics, 2 semesters or equivalent, with labs
- English, 2 semesters or equivalent (or successful completion of the English requirements of your undergraduate institution's requirement for graduation)

TCDM reserves the right to waive any of these requirements for an individual applicant.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Applicants should review the Touro College of Dental Medicine website prior to applying at <https://dental.touro.edu/admissions/> for instructions on academic & letter requirements
2. Primary Applications and materials required for admission must be submitted through the [ADEA AADSAS \(ADEA's Associated American Dental Schools Application Service\)](https://aadsas.liasoncas.com), available at <https://aadsas.liasoncas.com> between June 1 and February 1 in the year prior to entry.
3. Within the school-specific section on the AADSAS application, you will indicate where you are applying to complete your clinical practice years – the Valhalla, NY campus, Albuquerque, NM campus, or no preference, with the understanding that if you are accepted as an Albuquerque, NM cohort you will spend your 3rd and 4th year of dental school in Albuquerque, NM.
4. The AADSAS deadline is February 1 for TCDM.
5. All applicants, after completion of a verified AADSAS application, will receive a TCDM Secondary email with instructions on submitting a \$100-dollar processing fee which will allow us to move you to the next steps in the process.
6. Interviews are conducted from November through March. Admissions decisions will be made on a rolling basis. Applicants can expect to be notified no earlier than December 1 of the academic year prior to the academic year of matriculation. TCDM follows the [American Dental Education Association traffic guidelines](#).

### **ACCURACY OF ADMISSION APPLICATION**

Applicants are expected to ensure that all information presented in their application is accurate, and complete, and that personally written materials were prepared exclusively by the applicant. They must also ensure that any information submitted on their behalf including letters of

evaluation, is authentic. In the event any inaccurate, misleading and/or incomplete information or knowing omission is discovered, the Touro College of Dental Medicine has the right to rescind any offer of admission, revoke any admission (including retroactive revocation), administer disciplinary action while in dental school, dismiss the student from the school of dental medicine, or revoke his/her dental degree if such information or omission is discovered after a degree is issued.

### **INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM**

The Advanced Standing International Dentist Program (IDP) at the Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) is designed to provide qualified dentists educated outside the United States with the education and experience required to practice dentistry in the U.S. Participants will earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree following an intensive, two-year didactic and clinical program.

Students in this program will begin coursework with advanced standing, starting at the 3rd year of the standard curriculum for domestic students. After earning this degree in just two years, the graduate will be able to apply to challenge dental licensure exams.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information on the application process.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

TCDM's ability to accept transfer students is subject to change year-to-year. Please contact the Office of Admissions linked [here](#) for more information.

## **TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION**

Every applicant who seeks admission to the Touro College of Dental Medicine is expected to possess those intellectual, ethical, physical, and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty. Once enrolled in TCDM, each candidate for the DDS degree must quickly and accurately be able to integrate all information received, perform in a reasonably independent manner, and demonstrate the ability to learn, integrate, analyze and synthesize information and data.

TCDM will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for physically challenged students. However, in doing so, TCDM must maintain the integrity of its curriculum and preserve those elements deemed essential to the acquisition of knowledge in all areas of dental medicine, including the demonstration of basic skills requisite for the practice of dental medicine. If you will be requesting reasonable accommodations, please reach out to the [Touro University Office of Disability Services](#).

## **DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

Students must be able to demonstrate certain essential functions and non-academic skills in order to be accepted into and receive a degree from TCDM. The following “technical standards” are consistent with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (PL93-112) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA PL101336, 1990). These are minimal technical standards which must be met by all students, with or without reasonable accommodations, who have been admitted to any of the programs of or associated with TCDM. TCDM does not recognize an intermediary who may perform some or all of the technical standards as a reasonable accommodation.

Inherent in these standards is the concept that an oral health care professional who has obtained a degree from TCDM represents to all that he or she is completely prepared for and competent in the practice of clinical dentistry. The receipt of the degree implies that the technical skills, necessary knowledge, et.al. have been attained by the degree or the Certificate of Training, through caring for a broad variety of patients. Any person wishing to apply to TCDM must be able to possess the motor skills, the intellectual skills, the observational and communication skills, the social and behavioral skills, and the ability to quantitate and integrate all of the preceding in order to attain the degree. The award of a degree or certificate of training carries with it the full authority of TCDM and is intended to communicate to all who might seek the services of the degree recipient that said recipient is competent to practice all phases of general clinical dentistry. In order to attain the skills, judgment, and professionalism inherent and implied by that degree, certain cognitive and technical skills must be exercised in order to master the entire didactic and clinical curriculum. Every student must pass every course in the curriculum in order to receive the degree.

All students must demonstrate the essential skills that are necessary to fulfill the degree requirements, which are embodied in the following technical standards. These standards include motor, communication, cognitive, sensory, observational, and behavioral skills. Acquisition of these skills is directly linked to the competencies of the curriculum, which in turn are intended to foster an individual’s ability to meet the degree’s requirements. The Class Committees of TCDM will monitor individual student progress in all of the knowledge and skill areas.

Accordingly, Touro College of Dental Medicine requires each student to meet certain technical requirements, which include:

### 1. *Ethics and Professionalism*

- **GENERAL:** A student must maintain the standards of conduct for ethics and professionalism as set forth in the American Dental Association’s Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must always act in the best interest of the patient and society even when there is a conflict with the student's personal self-interest. The student must conduct oneself as a trustworthy and responsible citizen and act with impeccable integrity in their interactions with students, faculty, staff and the public. A student must

refrain from actions that detract from the professional atmosphere or orderly appearance of the College of Dental Medicine or University, including personal appearance or other actions. This expectation would also apply when attending any school-sponsored or related activities, such as preceptorships and externships.

## 2. *Motor Skills*

- **GENERAL:** A student must possess sufficient motor functioning to execute movements essential to providing oral health care to patients.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must possess the motor skills to perform palpation, auscultation and other diagnostic maneuvers, basic laboratory tests, diagnostic and restorative procedures. Such actions require coordination of gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional uses of the senses of touch and vision.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must be able to perform basic life support including CPR, to transfer and position patients with disabilities, to physically restrain adults and children who lack motor control, and to position and reposition himself or herself around the patient and chair in a sitting or standing position. A student must promote and support the ability of coworkers to perform prompt care. A student must be able to operate controls, use high-speed or low-speed dental handpieces for tooth preparation procedures, and use hand instrumentation including scalpels for surgical procedures.

## 3. *Sensory/Observation*

- **GENERAL:** A student must be able to acquire a predetermined level of required information through demonstrations and experiences in basic and dental sciences courses.
- **SPECIFIC:** Such information includes, but is not limited to, information conveyed through: 1) physiologic and pharmacologic demonstrations, 2) microscopic images of microorganisms and tissues in normal and pathologic states; and 3) demonstration of techniques using dental models. A student must be able to acquire information from written documents, and to evaluate information presented as images from paper, films, slides, or video. A student must be able to interpret x-ray and other graphic images. A student must be able to benefit from electronic and other instrumentation that enhances visual, auditory, and somatic sensations needed for examination or treatment.
- **GENERAL:** A student must be able to observe a patient accurately, at a distance and close up, interpreting non-verbal communications while performing dental operations or administering medications.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must be able to perform dental examinations and treatments that require the use of sight and touch. He or she must be able to see fine detail, focus at a variety of distances, and discern differences and variations in color, shape, and texture that are necessary to differentiate normal and abnormal soft and hard tissues. He or she must be able to use tactile senses to diagnose directly by palpation and indirectly by

sensations transmitted through instruments. A student must also possess the visual acuity to read charts, records, radiographs, small print and handwritten notation.

#### 4. *Communication*

- **GENERAL:** A student must be able to: communicate effectively and sensitively with patients; convey exchange information at a level allowing development of a health history; identify problems; explain alternative solutions; and give directions during treatment and post-treatment. A student must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently with all members of the health care team.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must have sufficient facility with English to: retrieve information from texts and lectures and communicate concepts on written exams and patient charts; elicit patient backgrounds; describe patient changes in moods, activity, and posture; and coordinate patient care with all members of the health care team. A student must be able to communicate in lay language so that patients and their families can understand the patient's conditions and, thereby, be more likely to comply with treatment and preventive regimes.

#### 5. *Cognitive*

- **GENERAL:** A student must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate, and synthesize.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures. Problem solving requires all of these intellectual abilities. A student must be able to perform these problem-solving actions in a timely manner.

#### 6. *Behavioral*

- **GENERAL:** A student must possess the emotional health required for full use of his or her intellectual skills, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients.
- **SPECIFIC:** A student must be able to endure physically-taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. He or she must be able to adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interests, and motivation are all personal qualities that will be assessed during the admissions and educational processes. A student must be able to manage apprehensive patients with a range of moods and behaviors in a tactful, congenial, personal manner so as not to alienate or antagonize them. A student must be able to accept criticism and respond by appropriate modification of behavior. A student must be able to interact with colleagues, staff, and patients with honesty, integrity, respect, and nondiscrimination.

## INTERVIEWS

Interviews are conducted in person on the TCDM campus from November through March. The goal of the interview is to assess the applicant's suitability for dentistry with a final ranking and comments that support the ranking, taking into consideration factors that led to the interviewer's conclusions. The interviews are designed to evaluate non-cognitive domains considered critical to becoming an effective dental practitioner, such as empathy, critical thinking, moral reasoning and ethical grounding, open-mindedness, ability to collaborate as well as interpersonal skills.

Interviews are 30 minutes and conducted one-on-one. In order to get the broadest possible impression, the applicant is evaluated based on communication skills, flexibility, leadership and team experience, intellectual ability, learning skills and motivation and preparation for dentistry.

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis. Applicants can expect to be notified no earlier than December 1 of the academic year prior to the academic year they expect to enroll. TCDM follows the [American Dental Education Association traffic guidelines](#).

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are welcome to apply, but it is required that international applicants successfully hold a **baccalaureate degree from an accredited college in the United States or Canada**. All courses taken in satisfaction of the requirements for admission must be taken at or accepted as transfer credits by an accredited college in the United States or Canada and must be acceptable to that institution toward a baccalaureate degree.

Federal law mandates that only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to receive financial aid. (Permanent residents must provide a copy of their unconditional Green Card upon request when applying for financial aid.) Applicants who are non-US citizens or do not obtain permanent resident status by July 1st of the year in which they are entering dental school must obtain an F-1 Visa to study in the United States. They must demonstrate the necessary financial means to deposit an amount equal to four years' tuition and fees into a bank escrow account in advance of their enrollment in TCDM.

For detailed information about the F-1 Visa process, please visit the [International Student Services](#) website and consult the [International Student Handbook](#).

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

When a student applies to TCDM, the primary application requires full disclosure of any record of a misdemeanor or felony. A background check is required. Should any discrepancy be discovered, TCDM may revoke the offer of admission, or dismiss the student if discovered at a later date. Acceptance to TCDM is not a guarantee for eligibility for licensure or that clinical rotations can be effectuated in the event the student has a misdemeanor or felony conviction.



## COST OF ATTENDANCE (EST.)

### 2023-2024 TUITION AND FEES

#### Class of 2027 (First Year)

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Total by Year
Tuition	\$15,530	\$31,055	\$31,055	\$77,640
<b>Fees (including instruments &amp; supplies)</b>				
Administrative Fee*	\$2,595	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$12,395
Materials Fee	\$3,255			\$3,255
Campus Fee	\$54	\$53	\$53	\$160
Technology Fee		\$555	\$555	\$1,110
<a href="#">Health Insurance</a> **	\$ 2,166	\$ 2,166	\$2,166	\$6,498
<b><i>TUITION AND FEES SUBTOTAL (with health insurance)</i></b>				<b><i>\$101,058</i></b>
<b>Additional Costs (est.)</b>				
Books	\$2,761			\$2,761
Room and Board	\$4,008	\$9,021	\$9,021	\$22,050
Transportation	\$644	\$1,447	\$1,447	\$3,538
Personal	\$782	\$1,758	\$1,758	\$4,298
Loan Fees (if applicable)	\$158	\$158	\$158	\$474
<b><i>ADDITIONAL COSTS SUBTOTAL</i></b>				<b><i>\$33,121</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</i></b>				<b><i>\$134,179</i></b>

\* Includes fees for simulation lab materials, anatomy lab materials, clinical systems and support, testing, student activities, and other costs. For more detailed information, students should contact the [Office of the Bursar](#).

\*\*Waived with proof of current coverage, Single coverage quoted  
INDIVIDUAL - \$ 6,498

## Class of 2026 (Second Year)

	Fall	Spring	Total by Year
Tuition	\$37,720	\$37,720	\$75,440
<b>Fees (including instruments &amp; supplies)</b>			
Administrative Fee*	\$6,020	\$6,020	\$12,040
Materials Fee	\$1,700		\$1,700
Campus Fee	\$80	\$80	\$160
Technology Fee	\$555	\$555	\$1,110
<a href="#">Health Insurance</a> **	\$3,284	\$3,284	\$6,568
<b>TUITION AND FEES SUBTOTAL (with health insurance)</b>			<b>\$ 97,018</b>
<b>Additional Costs (est.)</b>			
Books	\$2,761		\$2,761
Room and Board	\$9,021	\$9,021	\$18,042
Transportation	\$1,447	\$1,447	\$2,894
Personal	\$1,758	\$1,758	\$3,516
Loan Fees (if applicable)	\$214	\$214	\$428
<b>ADDITIONAL COSTS SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$27,641</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>			<b>\$124,659</b>

\* Includes fees for simulation lab materials, anatomy lab materials, clinical systems and support, testing, student activities, and other costs. For more detailed information, students should contact the [Office of the Bursar](#).

\*\*Waived with proof of current coverage, Single coverage quoted  
INDIVIDUAL - \$ 6,568

## Class of 2025 (Third Year)

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Total by Year
Tuition	\$18,320	\$27,480	\$27,480	\$73,280
<b>Fees (including instruments &amp; supplies)</b>				
Administrative Fee*	\$2,315	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$11,415
Materials Fee	\$1,700			\$1,700
Campus Fee	\$54	\$53	\$53	\$160
Technology Fee		\$555	\$555	\$1,110
<a href="#">Health Insurance</a> **	\$2,189	\$2,190	\$2,189	\$6,568
<b>TUITION AND FEES SUBTOTAL (with health insurance)</b>				<b>\$94,233</b>
<b>Additional Costs (est.)</b>				
Books				
Room and Board	\$4,008	\$10,021	\$10,021	\$24,050
Transportation	\$641	\$1,604	\$1,604	\$3,849
Personal	\$781	\$1,952	\$1,952	\$4,685
Loan Fees (if applicable)	\$166	\$166	\$166	\$498
<b>ADDITIONAL COSTS SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$33,082</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>				<b>\$127,315</b>

\* Includes fees for simulation lab materials, anatomy lab materials, clinical systems and support, testing, student activities, and other costs. For more detailed information, students should contact the [Office of the Bursar](#).

\*\*Waived with proof of current coverage, Single coverage quoted  
INDIVIDUAL - \$6,568

## Class of 2024 (Fourth Year)

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Total by Year
Tuition	\$16,345	\$26,390	\$26,390	\$69,125
<b>Fees (including instruments &amp; supplies)</b>				
Administrative Fee*	\$2,315	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$11,415
Materials Fee	\$1,700			\$1,700
Campus Fee	\$54	\$53	\$53	\$160
Technology Fee		\$555	\$555	\$1,110
Graduation Fee			\$150	\$150
<a href="#">Health Insurance</a> **	\$2,189	\$2,190	\$2,189	\$6,568
<b>TUITION AND FEES SUBTOTAL (with health insurance)</b>				<b>\$90,228</b>
<b>Additional Costs (est.)</b>				
Books				
Room and Board	\$4,008	\$9,021	\$9,021	\$22,050
Transportation	\$644	\$1,447	\$1,447	\$3,538
Personal	\$782	\$1,758	\$1,758	\$4,298
Loan Fees (if applicable)	\$158	\$158	\$158	\$474
<b>ADDITIONAL COSTS SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$30,360</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>				<b>\$120,588</b>

\* Includes fees for simulation lab materials, anatomy lab materials, clinical systems and support, testing, student activities, and other costs. For more detailed information, students should contact the [Office of the Bursar](#).

\*\*Waived with proof of current coverage, Single coverage quoted  
INDIVIDUAL - \$ 6,568

## Cost of Attendance Disclaimer

Cost of attendance is subject to change and does not form a contract. Cost of attendance is effective only for the given academic year. Cost of attendance is utilized to calculate Title IV, and scholarship awards. Cost of attendance is subject to change on an annual basis. Touro University reserves the right to amend, modify, supplement or revoke the cost of attendance, in whole or in part, at any time with or without notice in its sole discretion. Cost of attendance is neither written nor meant to confer any rights or privileges on a student or impose any obligations on Touro University. As with all Touro University catalogs, rules and policies, the cost of attendance is provided for informational purposes only, may contain errors and may not be applicable to every situation or circumstance.

## TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE

### Policy for Withdrawing from All Classes

Students who wish to officially withdraw from a program are required to complete a “Withdrawal from the Program” (WFP) form, obtain approval from their program advisor (Program Chair or Dean), Financial Aid and Bursar, and submit it to the Office of the Registrar for processing. The official date of withdrawal from the program is the date on which the completed withdrawal form is submitted and time stamped at the Office of the Registrar.

Non-attendance, non-participation or notification to the instructor/program director does not constitute an official withdrawal from the program.

The Office of the Registrar is the only Designated Campus Official for all official program withdrawals.

Official notification to the school occurs when a student notifies the Registrar of their intention to withdraw. Intent to withdraw means that the student indicates that they have either ceased to attend the school and do not plan to resume academic attendance or believes at the time that they provide notification that they will cease to attend the school. Notification is not considered provided until the Registrar receives the notification.

Students who wish to withdraw from all courses in a given semester without officially withdrawing from a program must complete an Add/Drop form.

When withdrawing from ALL classes, the following tuition refund schedule will apply:

#### Summer semester (up to 8 weeks in length)

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| ▪ Before the first day of the semester:          | 100% of tuition |
| ▪ During the add/drop period:                    | 100% of tuition |
| ▪ During the week following the add/drop period: | 50% of tuition  |
| ▪ After that week:                               | No refund       |

**For summer sessions running longer than 8 weeks, the tuition refund schedule will follow a regular Fall/Spring policy.**

**Fall & Spring semesters – When withdrawing from all courses:**

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| ▪ Before the first day of the semester:          | 100% of tuition |
| ▪ During the add/drop period:                    | 100% of tuition |
| ▪ During the week following the add/drop period: | 50% of tuition  |
| ▪ After that week:                               | No refund       |

The Administrative Fee is non-refundable for all semesters.

All other fees are refundable during the Add/Drop period only.

Please note that students in receipt of Title IV (Federal Financial Aid) funds are subject to Federal Return of Title IV policies when withdrawing from ALL classes. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

In keeping with its policy of awarding financial aid on the basis of need and financial eligibility, TCDM provides assistance to accepted students who, without such help, would be unable to pursue their education. Financial aid comes from federal, state, institutional, and private sources. Students must be matriculated, enrolled at least half time, and making satisfactory academic progress as defined within their academic program. Half-time for all dental programs, including the summer session is defined as a minimum of six (6) credits. Therefore, in order to receive federal (and most private) loans, all dental students must take six (6) credits in any session, including the summer. Students who are otherwise eligible may participate in the Federal Work Study Program (FWSP) so long as they enroll for at least one credit. Title IV (federal) financial aid is limited to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and certain eligible non-citizens; New York State aid is limited to residents of New York.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Apply for Aid in 6 Steps

#### **Step 1: Create an FSA ID**

If you haven't done so previously, you will need to create your own FSA ID account to complete federal student aid tasks.

**Step 2: Complete the Free Application** for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after October 1st or download the FAFSA mobile app on IOS or Android.

- Documents you will need
- Transfer Tax Information to your FAFSA using the data retrieval tool (DRT).

- Do not select “Will File” status
- Touro University Main Campus Code is 010142

**Step 3: Review the Tuition Costs**

The maximum amount of aid applied for in a year cannot exceed the cost of attendance (COA) for that year. The Cost of Attendance is an estimate of a student’s educational expenses for their period of enrollment in the academic year. Students are not required to take out the maximum allowable amount and are able to determine their specific needs based on their own circumstances. Please consult with your financial aid counselor to discuss your specific needs.

**Step 4: Complete the Entrance Counseling**

First time borrowers at Touro University must complete the Entrance Counseling. This will ensure you understand the terms and conditions of your loan and your rights and responsibilities. You will learn what a loan is, how interest works, your options for repayment, and how to avoid delinquency and default. Make sure to complete the Entrance Counseling for Graduate and Professional students.

**Step 5: Sign Master Promissory Note (MPN)**

First time borrowers taking out a Direct Unsubsidized Loan must complete and sign an MPN.

**Step 6: For the Graduate Plus loan, please complete:**

- Direct Grad PLUS Loans require a separate MPN.
- Apply for the Direct Plus loan; credit check is required
- Complete the PLUS Loan Credit Counseling if your credit is denied and contact the Financial Aid Office for further instructions.

Once all steps are completed you will receive your financial aid offer and instructions through your Touro University student email. Please monitor your Touro email account daily.

**Program Terms and Eligibility**

Title IV (federal) Programs, The Federal Direct Stafford Loan, and the Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan offer a number of repayment options, plus opportunities for deferment, forbearance, loan forgiveness, and cancellation (for death or total and permanent disability). Upon repayment, borrowers may be able to consolidate their federal loans. Neither loan charges a penalty for early repayment.

<b>Loan Type</b>	<b>Fees*</b>	<b>Interest*</b>	<b>Amount per Academic Year</b>
Federal Direct Stafford	1.057%	7.05% fixed	Up to \$20,500 (Plus HEAL Amounts)
Federal Direct Grad PLUS	4.228%	8.05% fixed	Up to the unmet cost of attendance

There are two types of Direct Loans: Unsubsidized Stafford Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans. Through the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, eligible dental students may borrow up to \$20,500 plus HEAL amounts per academic year and up to \$224,000 for all post-secondary education (includes federal loans borrowed while enrolled as an undergraduate student). The interest rate for loans first disbursed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 is fixed at 7.05%. The Unsubsidized Stafford Loans carry a 1.057% origination fee which is deducted up front from the loan proceeds.

The maximum annual Grad Plus Loan is the educational Cost of Attendance (COA), as determined by Touro, minus any other financial aid received. Grad Plus Loans have no aggregate limit. The interest rate for Graduate Plus loans first disbursed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 is fixed at 8.05% Graduate Plus loans have a 4.228% origination fee which is deducted up front from the loan proceeds.

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford loans are not based upon the student's credit worthiness, these loans are primarily approved based upon enrollment status, satisfactory academic standing and the ability to meet the FAFSA eligibility requirements. Federal Graduate PLUS Loans are credit-based; borrowers must demonstrate that they do not have an adverse credit history. Adverse credit history is defined to mean that as of the date of the credit report, in addition to other conditions (e.g. bankruptcy, foreclosure, tax lien, or a default determination) the applicant must not have any debts that are 90 or more days delinquent or that are in collection or that had a total combined outstanding balance greater than \$2,085 that have been charged off during the prior two years.

**Federal Work Study Program (FWSP).** FWSP offers part-time employment opportunities on campus and at not-for-profit or government agencies during both the academic year and the summer period. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first served basis and earnings from this program are considered part of a student's financial aid package.

**Eligibility for Continuing Federal Financial Assistance.** In order to remain eligible for federal financial assistance, all students are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in accordance with the qualitative and quantitative standards detailed in the SAP policy. Satisfactory progress is evaluated at the end of each academic year. The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Touro is available online at <https://www.touro.edu/students/policies/satisfactory-academic-progress-policy/>.

**Loan Consolidation.** Loan consolidation enables students to combine all existing federal student loans into one new loan. The interest rate is the weighted average of the loans consolidated. Benefits include lower monthly payments by taking a longer period of time to repay the loan and having the convenience of all loans held by one servicer. Students can apply to consolidate their loans when repayment commences by contacting the Department of Education at: <https://studentaid.gov>.

**Deferral/Cancellation of Student Loans.** Students receiving federal direct student loans may qualify for deferral of the repayment of the principal and interest, or for partial cancellation of the



student loan, for service under the Peace Corps Act, the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or for performing certain types of service such as teaching in a low-income school. For a complete list of cancellation and discharge provisions visit the U.S. Department of Education website at <https://studentloans.gov>.

**Federal Loan Forgiveness.** Many people working in public service can benefit from a new federal student loan forgiveness program. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (P.L.#110-84) defines public service as: “A job in emergency management, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public health, public education, social work, public interest law services (including prosecution or public defense or legal advocacy in low income communities at a nonprofit organization...” After 10 years of service and 120 qualified federal student loan payments (based on an income-based repayment-(IBR) structure) the remaining balance of the federal loan/s will be forgiven. The Department of Education will require documentation, forms and verification for more information visit: <https://studentloans.gov>

**Return to Title IV Policy.** The U.S. Department of Education’s (ED) Return to Title IV (R2T4) policy requires Touro to calculate a refund and repayment of Title IV (federal) financial aid received by students who cease attendance (includes both voluntary and involuntary separations from Touro) prior to the 60% point of a term for which they received federal aid. The R2T4 calculation is based upon each student’s amount of federal financial aid and enrollment status. Therefore, each calculation is unique. As a result of their individual calculations, students may be required to repay all or a percentage of their federal aid. Students may owe immediate payments to both Touro and Department of Education.

Briefly, students earn a percentage of their federal aid with each day they are enrolled in and attending their classes. When students separate from Touro we are required to calculate the percentage of federal aid the student has earned as of the last day of enrollment and the remaining percentage that is unearned. Neither the student nor Touro is permitted to retain unearned federal funds. Students that are required to repay any unearned funds that were used to pay their student account charges (such as tuition and fees) as well as any Title IV credit balance disbursements (refund monies) will be required to repay such funds directly to Touro and/or the Department of Education. The only Title IV funds that are excluded from the R2T4 calculation are Federal Work Study earnings.

### **New York State Programs**

**Veterans Tuition Awards.** Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan veterans are eligible for awards of up to a maximum of six semesters (three years) for full-time graduate study. Recipients are entitled to an award for up to a maximum of 12 semesters (six years) for part-time graduate study.

Tuition payments received by a veteran under the Chapter 33 Program and Yellow Ribbon component will be considered duplicative of any VTA award. Payments received under the

Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®1</sup> do not duplicate the VTA award. Combined tuition benefits available to a student cannot exceed the actual tuition.

## **STANDARD OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

Satisfactory Academic Progress (“SAP”) requires that students are able to complete their academic program in a timely manner while achieving and maintaining compliance with minimum academic standards. Federal regulations mandate that all students are required to conform to SAP standards as they work toward a degree in order for them to qualify to receive financial assistance through all Touro University (“Touro”) eligible Title IV federal financial aid programs. Conformance to Touro’s SAP policy ensures that students complete their academic program in a timely manner while achieving and maintaining compliance with minimum academic standards.

This SAP policy applies to all Touro students including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. These standards are for Title IV Federal Financial Aid purposes only and neither replace nor override academic policies outlined by Touro, other state or Federal benefit programs (i.e., NYS Tuition Assistance). It is critical that all TCDM students who receive financial aid read and understand the [College’s SAP policy](#).

## **REGISTRATION**

### **NEW YORK STATE PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT**

In accordance with New York State law, students born on or after January 1, 1957 must demonstrate proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). They must also complete and submit the [Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccination Response Form](#).

Students must submit acceptable medical proof of immunization. Immunization forms can be obtained in the Office of the Registrar at various campus locations, or downloaded [here](#).

**Students who fail to provide the required proof of immunization will not be permitted to register and attend classes until a properly completed form has been submitted to the Office of the Registrar.**

### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

Students are block registered in the University’s computer system for each semester’s courses by the Registrar’s office. All students are enrolled as full-time students; individual courses cannot be dropped.

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<sup>1</sup> "GI Bill<sup>®</sup>" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

## CURRICULUM

### OVERVIEW

The curriculum is divided into two phases:

1. Didactic / Preclinical Education (1st and 2nd years):

In the first two years, the focus is on the basic sciences, foundational knowledge, and the development of procedural skills that will form the educational foundation for the clinical years where the focus is on the clinical care of patients.

2. Clinical Experience (3rd and 4th years):

Clinical rotations and preceptorships are offered during the third and fourth year of study. These are under the direction and supervision of clinical and adjunct faculty, within our clinical facility and extramural sites.

### YEAR COURSE (YC)

Certain courses in the TCDM curriculum extend over multiple semesters. Each course in these sequences carries a discrete course number and a discrete credit value. The final grade in such sequences is only entered after the final course is completed. The earlier courses in the sequence will be shown with the “placemaker” “YC (Year Course)” in the grade field on the student’s transcript. (In some circumstances, the full credit value assigned to a multiple-semester sequence is small enough so that the earlier courses in the sequence may show a credit value of 0.0.)

### ACADEMIC COURSE SEQUENCE

Course #	Course Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
BMDN 510	Biochemical Foundations of Dental Medicine	3.0
BMDN 517	Growth, Development, and Aging	1.0
BMGN 590	Ethics and Professionalism in Dentistry	1.0
PDEN 550	Dental Anatomy and Occlusion Lecture	2.0
PDEN 551	Dental Anatomy and Occlusion Lab	1.5
PDEN 562	Introduction to Dentistry	1.0
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BMDN 511	Physiology	6.0
BMDN 512	Histology-General and Oral Lecture and Lab	3.0
PDEN 552	Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry I Lecture	2.0
PDEN 553	Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry I Lab	2.0
PDEN 556	Oral Radiology	2.0
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BMDN 514	Gross and Neuro, Anatomy Lecture and Lab	3.5
BMDN 515	Head and Neck, Anatomy Lecture and Lab	2.5
BMDN 516	Microbiology and Immunology	4.0
PDEN 558	Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry II Lab	2.0
PDEN 560	Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry II Lecture	2.0
PDEN 572	Cariology	0.25
BMGN 591	Evidence-Based Dentistry	1.0

<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
BMDN 613	Summer Research Elective	6.0
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BMDN 610	Patho Medicine	8.0
BMDN 611	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	4.0
BMGN 691	Inter-Professional Ethics	0.25
PDEN 651	Initial Periodontal Treatment and Electronic Health Records	1.0
PDEN 657	Clinical Oral Radiology and Interpretation	0.5
PDEN 659	Periodontics I	1.0
PDEN 660	Pre-Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics Lecture	2.0
PDEN 661	Pre-Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics Lab	2.0
PDEN 672	Cariology (2023 only)	0.25
PDEN 669	Principles of Orthodontics	1.0
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BMGN 690	Pain and Anxiety Control Lecture and Lab	2.0
PDEN 650	Oral Radiology Practical Technique	0.25
PDEN 655	Periodontics II	1.0
PDEN 658	Oral Pathology	4.0
PDEN 662	Introduction to Implants	1.0
PDEN 663	Introduction to Clinical Dentistry Lecture	2.0
PDEN 664	Introduction to Clinical Dentistry Lab	3.0
PDEN 665	Pre-Clinical Pediatric Dentistry Lecture	1.0
PDEN 666	Endodontics Lecture	1.0
PDEN 667	Endodontics Lab	1.0
PDEN 670	Removable Prosthodontics Lecture	1.0
PDEN 671	Removable Prosthodontics Lab	1.0
PDEN 675	Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	1.0
PDEN 676	Pre-Clinical Pediatric Dentistry Lab	1.0
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
CDEN 711	Restorative and Materials Procedure Review	0.75
CDEN 712	Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine	0.75
CDEN 713	Multidisciplinary Patient Management	0.75
CDEN 714	Prosthodontic Review Seminar	0.75
CLPN 750A	Comprehensive Patient Care	7.5
CLPN 751A	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 752A	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 753A	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CDEN 721	Periodontal Case Review	1.0
CDEN 722	Oral Surgery II	1.0
CDEN 724	Interdisciplinary Seminar	1.0
CDEN 726A	Clinical Case Review and Treatment Planning	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 750B	Comprehensive Patient Care	10.5
CLPN 751B	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 752B	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 753B	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 764A	Oral Health Care for Patients with Special Needs Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 765A	Hospital/Clinical Externship Rotation	0.0 (YC)
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CDEN 726B	Clinical Case Review and Treatment Planning	2.0
CDEN 730	Practice Management I	1.0

CDEN 731	TMD and Orofacial Pain	1.0
CDEN 734	Comprehensive Dental Seminar/Case Outcome Review Conference	1.0
CLPN 750C	Comprehensive Patient Care	10.5
CLPN 751C	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	1.5
CLPN 752C	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	1.5
CLPN 753C	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	1.5
CLPN 764B	Oral Health Care for Patients w/ Special Needs Clinic Rotation	1.0
CLPN 765B	Hospital/Clinical Externship Rotation	1.0
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
CDEN 812	Interdisciplinary Seminar	0.75
CDEN 815	Endodontic Review Seminar	0.75
CDEN 816	Lasers in Dentistry	0.75
CLPN 850A	Advanced Comprehensive Patient Care	7.5
CLPN 851A	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 852A	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 853A	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CDEN 821	Advanced Implant Case Review	1.0
CDEN 822A	Student Clinical Case Presentation	1.0
CDEN 823	Practice Management II	1.0
CLPN 850B	Advanced Comprehensive Patient Care	10.5
CLPN 851B	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 852B	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 853B	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	0.0 (YC)
CLPN 865A	Hospital/Clinic Externship Rotation	0.0 (YC)
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CDEN 822B	Student Clinical Case Presentation	1.0
CDEN 826	Advanced Clinical Case Review and Treatment Planning	1.0
CLPN 850C	Advanced Comprehensive Patient Care	10.5
CLPN 851C	Pediatric Clinic Rotation	1.5 (YC)
CLPN 852C	Oral Surgery Clinic Rotation	1.5 (YC)
CLPN 853C	Patient Intake Clinic Rotation	1.5 (YC)
CLPN 865B	Hospital/Clinic Externship Rotation	1.0 (YC)
<b>Additional Degree Requirements</b>		
	Community Service	0.0 (see p.52)

## CHANGES IN CURRICULUM

The Curriculum Committee continually reviews the TCDM curriculum and makes changes as appropriate to cover new subject areas deemed necessary for experience, as well as to improve the overall quality of the education process.

New courses and changes to existing courses are first initiated by the responsible departments. Proposed changes are then reviewed by the Curriculum Committee, after which they are forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs for final approval.

TCDM reserves the right to make changes to the curriculum at any time without prior written notice. Students are responsible for the curriculum in place in the semester in which they enrolled.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **YEAR 1**

#### **BMDN 510 BIOCHEMICAL FOUNDATIONS OF DENTAL MEDICINE**

This course is designed for doctor of dental surgery students and is clinically-oriented. The course provides students with an in-depth comprehension of the basic science and biochemical aspects of biological systems upon which clinical judgments will eventually be made and upon which additional life-long learning of dental health can be achieved. *3.0 credits.*

#### **BMDN 511 PHYSIOLOGY**

The overall objective of this course is to enable students to understand the basic principles of human physiology as it relates to the practice of dentistry. It will be taught to cover the functions of mammalian organisms on several levels including; organ system, organ, cellular and subcellular levels. Aside from biological content, students should begin to understand critical analysis of logical information as a gateway to clinical management of patients. Students should come away understanding not only the normal function of the organs in health but also as a gateway to understanding the impact of pathological conditions. Secondly, they should be able to begin to understand the effect of commonly used drugs on organ systems. *6.0 credits.*

#### **BMDN 512 HISTOLOGY-GENERAL AND ORAL LECTURE AND LAB**

Histology is the study of microscopic anatomy and the interrelationship between structure and function. The integrated perspective that you will gain in Histology and Anatomy will reinforce foundational concepts (from a structural perspective) gained from courses taught previously in the curriculum (Biochemistry, Microbiology and Physiology). *3.0 credits.*

#### **BMDN 514 GROSS AND NEURO, ANATOMY LECTURE AND LAB**

A course of dissection of the human body identifying structure and function of the body. including lectures, labs and clinical correlations to relate the details of body systems in form and function. This course also includes neuroanatomy primarily of the cranial nerves and major ascending and descending pathways. *3.5 credits.*

#### **BMDN 515 HEAD AND NECK, ANATOMY LECTURE AND LAB**

A course of dissection of the human body with special emphasis on head and neck anatomy including lectures, labs and clinical correlations to relate the details of head and neck anatomy to clinical dentistry. *2.5 credits.*

#### **BMDN 516 MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY**

This course will present an important core of information essential for an understanding of the many microbial diseases encountered by dental professionals. The course will include an overview of general microbiology, the molecular genetics of oral microbes, the pathogenesis of human

microbial diseases, the immune system and current utilization of diagnostic microbiology and various laboratory methods. Upon successful completion of this course the student will have met the expectations of the faculty as listed for each portion of the course. The student will be prepared to take the microbiology portion of the National Boards. Students will have a level of understanding of the many oral microbial diseases allowing them to fulfill their future responsibilities to their patients and the health care community. *4.0 credits.*

### **BMDN 517 GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, AND AGING**

This course will include the principles of physical (body) development with a particular focus on the mechanisms of pre- and post-natal craniofacial development. Emphasis will be directed to the growth and development of the mandible, maxilla, temporomandibular joint, teeth and supporting structures. Cranial base, vault and soft tissue components of the maturational processes will be presented in terms of clinical relevance. This course will provide background information to first year students as preparation for later courses and mastery of topics for successful completion of the National Board Examination. *1.0 credit.*

### **BMGN 590 (Formerly BHMG 590) ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM IN DENTISTRY**

This course will present first year dental students with an introduction to the concepts and application of ethical thinking and decision-making in all stages and aspects of their dental careers. After learning the basics of ethics, it is intended that students should develop their “ethical prisms” from which they can view any situation that they encounter and respond in the appropriate fashion. A progression will be developed as ethical issues in general will be covered, followed by ethical issues of students, followed by ethical issues specific to dental students, and finally, ethical issues related to dental practitioners. The ethical issues of the dental practitioners will be covered in all aspects, including those related to patients, staff, and society. Additionally, an introduction to professionalism and jurisprudence will be presented, giving the dental students a background that they can build upon as they develop their clinical experiences. A review of pertinent laws and regulations and the responsibilities of the dental provider to both individual patients and society will take place. *1.0 credit.*

### **BMGN 591 (Formerly BHMG 591, INTRODUCTION TO EPIDEMIOLOGY) EVIDENCE BASED DENTISTRY**

This course introduces the development and application of epidemiologic methods in understanding, addressing, and analyzing issues relevant to oral health as well as the discipline of biostatistics and how to understand approaches to analyzing data and interpreting results as a basis for the practice of evidenced-based dentistry. Students will become familiar with principles and concepts in epidemiology and basic biostatistics through lectures, discussions, assigned readings, and exercises. Students are given the opportunity to acquire an understanding of the principles and concepts, methods of investigation, basic research design, and interpretation and evaluation of epidemiologic research and biostatistical analysis. Issues surrounding disparities in oral health care access and utilization are also discussed. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 550 DENTAL ANATOMY AND OCCLUSION LECTURE**

Dental Anatomy and Occlusion is a preclinical course comprised of a lecture series designed to familiarize the first-year student with anatomical characteristics of the human oral cavity. External and internal crown and root morphology of both the primary and permanent dentition are discussed. Emphasis is placed on form and function as well as occluding tooth surfaces. Proper Waxing technique to restore ideal occlusion and understand the range of motion in the oral cavity. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 551 DENTAL ANATOMY AND OCCLUSION LAB**

Dental Anatomy and Occlusion is a preclinical course comprised of a Laboratory series designed to familiarize the first-year student with anatomical characteristics of the human oral cavity. External and internal crown and root morphology of both the primary and permanent dentition are discussed. Emphasis is placed on form and function as well as occluding tooth surfaces. Proper Waxing technique to restore ideal occlusion and understand the range of motion in the oral cavity. *1.5 credits.*

### **PDEN 552 PRE-CLINICAL OPERATIVE DENTISTRY I LECTURE**

This is a lecture series that is designed to introduce the first-year student to the basic theory and techniques used in Operative Dentistry. The study of the physical properties, manipulation, and chemistry of the dental materials utilized is included. Emphasis is placed on preservation of tooth structure from further destruction by dental disease. Technical skills used in the placement of composite resin and amalgam restorations are developed. The lectures are coordinated with the lab session in Preclinic Operative Dentistry I, and as such, some dates in the schedule have no lectures (as shown in the Lecture Session schedule). *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 553 PRE-CLINICAL OPERATIVE DENTISTRY I LAB**

This is laboratory course. It is designed to introduce the first-year student to the basic theory and techniques used in Operative Dentistry. Emphasis is placed on preservation of tooth structure from further destruction by dental disease. Technical skills used in the placement of composite resin and amalgam restorations are developed. The lectures are coordinated with the lecture series in Preclinic Operative Dentistry I. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 556 ORAL RADIOLOGY**

This didactic course covers radiation physics, radiation biology, radiation safety/protection, imaging theory, dental and maxillofacial radiographic techniques, interpretation of normal structures, and understanding common disease processes. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 558 PRECLINICAL OPERATIVE DENTISTRY II LAB**

This laboratory course is a continuation of Preclinic Operative Dentistry I. The course is designed to continue the development of understanding the basic theory and techniques used in Operative Dentistry. Complex preparations used for the placement of composite resin and amalgam



restorations are further developed. The course includes the tooth preparations for ceramic inlay, onlay and veneers, as well as gold onlay preparations, and the fabrication provisional restorations. The lectures are coordinated with the lecture series in Preclinic Operative Dentistry II. *2.0 credits*.

Note: Successful completion of Preclinic Operative Dentistry I is a prerequisite for this course.

### **PDEN 560 PRE-CLINICAL OPERATIVE DENTISTRY II LECTURE**

This is a lecture series is a continuation of Preclinic Operative Lecture I. The course is designed to continue the development of understanding the basic theory and techniques used in Operative Dentistry. The principles and theory of complex preparations used for the placement of composite resin and amalgam restorations are discussed. Additionally, the principles and rationale for the use of liners and bases for pulp protection are discussed. The principles and specifics of tooth preparations for ceramic inlay, onlay and veneers, as well as gold onlay preparations, and the fabrication of their provisional restorations are presented in coordination with the laboratory exercises in Preclinic Operative Dentistry II. *2.0 credits*.

Note: Successful completion of Preclinic Operative Dentistry Lecture I is a prerequisite for this course.

### **PDEN 562 INTRODUCTION TO DENTISTRY**

This course is a general overview of dentistry. The history and evolution of modern dentistry will be discussed. The student will learn the structures and naming conventions of the teeth and the oral environment. There will be an overview of different areas of dental care. The scope and direction of each specialty will be discussed. Lecturers from each specialty will go through treatment goals for their respective specialties. *1.0 credit*.

### **PDEN 572 CARIOLOGY**

This course focuses on the basic science concepts in the etiology, pathogenesis and sequelae of dental caries. The disease is approached from epidemiological, morphological, histological, biochemical, microbiological and immunological perspectives. *0.25 credits*.

## **YEAR 2**

### **BMDN 610 PATHO MEDICINE**

A survey of pathology and internal medicine as it relates to dentistry with an emphasis on the evaluation and management of medically complex/compromised patients requiring dental treatment. Dental management of medically complex patients requires a foundational knowledge of systems pathology. Acquiring a basic understanding of systems pathology depends upon comprehension of general pathology. This course begins with topics on general pathology, proceeds through systems pathology and ends with DM of medically compromised patients. *8.0 credits*.

### **BMDN 611 PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTIC**

This is a basic pharmacology course that will cover the proper use of the major classes of drugs. These include drugs affecting the autonomic nervous system, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, endocrine system and antimicrobials. *4.0 credits.*

### **BMDN 613 SUMMER RESEARCH ELECTIVE**

This is a research elective offered in the summer of the first year. A Limited number of students will be paired with Research mentors to pursue a research idea related to oral health. For six to eight weeks' students will work in established lab and conduct research that they will present to the class and faculty in the fall. Laboratory and research techniques will be taught to increase the students' knowledge and experience in research. *6.0 credits.*

### **BMGN 690 (Formerly BHMG 690) PAIN AND ANXIETY CONTROL LECTURE AND LAB**

This course combines both didactic and clinical components to help students acquire an understanding of pain and the principles of pain control as related to the clinical treatment of dental patients. Evaluation of the physical-mental emotional status of the patient and the determination on of the proper pain control technique and its correlation with procedures to be performed are integrated with an understanding of advanced pain and anxiety-control modalities. Included in this course is a series of in-depth lectures covering the spectrum of basic and advanced pain control techniques. Following completion of this course, the student should be able to consistently meet the criteria of the course objectives. *2.0 credits.*

### **BMGN 691 (Formerly BHMG 691) INTER-PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

This course will require second year dental students to utilize the knowledge, concepts, and skills that they acquired in the first year Ethics and Professionalism course. The course is structured so that students will be able to establish an ethical context for inter-professional practice and collaborative care. The first session will consist of a general discussion about scopes of practice and collaborative care practice. Students will prepare for each session by completing pertinent reading assignments. They will then participate in small group case study discussions. The small group sessions are meant to emphasize the skills of ethical thinking/acting. Each group will be composed of second year dental students and first year medical students. Discussions will be facilitated by both physician and dentist preceptors. *0.25 credits.*

### **PDEN 650 ORAL RADIOLOGY PRACTICAL TECHNIQUE**

This course instructs the student on the proper technique in capturing diagnostic-quality radiographs. This is a hands-on course taught in the Radiology Simulation Lab with manikins simulating patients. Each group exercise involves a pair of students taking bitewing, anterior periapical, and posterior periapical radiographs. After taking the radiographs, students must complete a self-assessment to determine the correctness of each radiograph. *0.25 credits.*

## **PDEN 651 INITIAL PERIODONTAL TREATMENT AND ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS**

This course will-introduce students to basic principles of data collection for the periodontal examination and fundamentals of periodontal instrumentation used as data collection for the diagnosis, treatment planning, and prognosis of periodontal disease. Use and implementation of clinic Management software Axium. *1.0 credit.*

## **PDEN 655 PERIODONTICS II**

This lecture course is the second part of an introductory course in Periodontology. Students will be taught about different types of periodontal diseases, the role of occlusion, radiographic analysis, and different treatment modalities. Students will also be instructed on how to assess prognosis for treatment and the importance and timing of periodontal maintenance. *1.0 credit.*

## **PDEN 657 CLINICAL ORAL RADIOLOGY AND INTERPRETATION**

This course instructs the student on the proper technique in capturing diagnostic-quality radiographs. This is a hands-on course taught in the Radiology Simulation Lab with manikins simulating patients. Each group exercise involves a pair of students taking bitewing, anterior periapical, and posterior periapical radiographs. After taking the radiographs, students must complete a self-assessment to determine the correctness of each radiograph. *0.5 credits.*

## **PDEN 658 ORAL PATHOLOGY**

General principles and concepts of diseases, as learned in Patho Medicine are applied to those diseases which manifest in the oral and maxillofacial region. Signs and symptoms, natural history, differential diagnosis, management, and prognosis of common and significant oral and maxillofacial diseases are presented. *4.0 credits.*

## **PDEN 659 (Formerly PDEN 559) PERIODONTICS I**

This lecture course is an introductory course in Periodontology. Students will be taught the normal anatomy and function of the periodontium as well as the etiology and pathogenesis of periodontal diseases and conditions. Students will also be instructed on how to assess risk for periodontal disease and the relationship between periodontal disease and systemic disease. *1.0 credit.*

## **PDEN 660 PRE-CLINICAL FIXED PROSTHODONTICS LECTURE**

This Lecture course is designed to complement the laboratory course. The lecture will concentrate on restorative theory treatment planning and technique. Decisions about material and treatment goals are stressed so the student will understand the reasons to choose one treatment modality over another. The lecture will coincide with the lab that is immediately after so they will put into practice what they just learned. Implant options and how each treatment plans approached will be discussed. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 661 PRE-CLINICAL FIXED PROSTHODONTICS LAB**

This course is designed for students to perform a series of motor exercises (projects and practical examinations) that simulate the clinical procedures done in fixed prosthodontic treatment. The required laboratory projects and practical examinations will provide the student with sufficient psychomotor skills and perceptual ability to provide basic fixed prosthodontic treatment. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 662 INTRODUCTION TO IMPLANTS**

This course will present the second-year dental student with an introduction to implant dentistry. The student will learn the history and current state of Implant dentistry, as well as the scientific concepts and principles that allow for the successful use of implants today. Treatment planning based on patient specific medical and dental considerations will be emphasized. The student will become acquainted with techniques that can be utilized to maximize esthetic and functional success of implant based dental restorations. Protocols and techniques for implant surgery and prosthetic treatment will be taught. The student will learn identification and management of both surgical and prosthetic complications will be stressed. The student will also learn the importance of short and long-term evaluation and maintenance of dental implants. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 663 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL DENTISTRY LECTURE**

This course will prepare the students to enter the Clinic and begin treating patients. Until this point students have been gaining and perfecting foundational knowledge and skills. They have started to put these skills together for the comprehensive treatment of patients, mainly in beginning to learn rudimentary treatment planning. This course will mimic the operations of the dental clinic. All protocols that are in place in the clinic will be adhered to in the simulation clinic. Infection control protocols, treatment planning to the comprehensive completion of treatment on simulated patients. Students will learn intensive interview skills with standardized patients, complete Medical and Dental History recording, Comprehensive treatment planning and additional clinical skills to treat real world patients. *2.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 664 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL DENTISTRY LAB**

This course is the Laboratory component that will prepare the students to enter the Clinic and begin treating patients. Until this point students have been gaining and perfecting foundational knowledge and skills. They have started to put these skills together for the comprehensive treatment of patients, mainly in beginning to learn rudimentary treatment planning. This course will mimic the operations of the dental clinic. All protocols that are in place in the clinic will be adhered to in the simulation clinic. Infection control protocols, treatment planning to the comprehensive completion of treatment on simulated patients. Students will learn intensive interview skills with standardized patients, complete Medical and Dental History recording, Comprehensive treatment planning and additional clinical skills to treat real world patients. *3.0 credits.*

### **PDEN 665 PRE- CLINICAL PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY LECTURE**

This course is designed to enable the pre-doctoral dental student to develop an overall competency in pediatric dentistry and to increase his/her theoretical and clinical judgment, technical skills and case organizational abilities. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 666 ENDODONTICS LECTURE**

This preclinical course includes lectures on the biological and clinical aspects of endodontics plus laboratory exercises to gain skills in accessing the pulp chambers, removing the pulp tissue within the lengths of the canals and establishing an environment that supports healing. The biologic aspects of the lectures include discussions of the pulp and periapical diseases, diagnostic and treatment procedures, selection of patients, and medications in endodontics. Clinical lectures are devoted to procedures used in preparing and filling root canals, discussion of the materials used supported by documented research in juried journals, restoration of endodontically treated teeth and clinic orientation. During laboratory exercises, student access, instrument, and obturate root canals on extracted human teeth. Students may treat patients in the endodontic clinic after successful completion of the preclinical course and the sophomore endodontic preclinical competency exams. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 667 ENDODONTICS LAB**

This preclinical course includes lectures on the biological and clinical aspects of endodontics plus laboratory exercises to gain skills in accessing the pulp chambers, removing the pulp tissue within the lengths of the canals and establishing an environment that supports healing. The biologic aspects of the lectures include discussions of the pulp and periapical diseases, diagnostic and treatment procedures, selection of patients, and medications in endodontics. Clinical lectures are devoted to procedures used in preparing and filling root canals, discussion of the materials used supported by documented research in juried journals, restoration of endodontically treated teeth and clinic orientation. During laboratory exercises, student access, instrument, and obturate root canals on extracted human teeth. Students may treat patients in the endodontic clinic after successful completion of the preclinical course and the sophomore endodontic preclinical competency exams. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 669 PRINCIPLES OF ORTHODONTICS**

This didactic course encompasses the preliminary diagnostic and treatment information required by the dental student to begin treatment planning and managing patients in the university dental clinic. The student is provided with the necessary instruction to perform a comprehensive orthodontic examination, identify the diagnostic records which are appropriate for each patient, and assemble data from those diagnostic records. The student will unitize those records in addition to a clinical examination to plan a course of orthodontic treatment for the patient. The student is introduced to a variety of contemporary fixed and removable appliances, including removable thermoplastic dental aligners, and their component parts and properties and the indications for their

use. The student is also instructed on the procedures in placement and adjustment of the appliances including the manipulation properties of orthodontic materials and the biomechanical principles governing orthodontic tooth movement. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 670 REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS LECTURE**

This course is a lecture-based course on the theory, design, and fabrication of removable complete and partial dentures. Design theory and occlusion will be a focus to ensure the students will be able to construct a restoration that is comfortable and functional for the patient.

The student will gain a fundamental background in complete denture prosthodontics to include; 1.) Anatomy of the edentulous and partially edentulous mouth and the supporting structures; 2.) Assessment of the patient prior to complete and partial removable denture fabrication; 3.) Prosthodontic principles of complete and partial removable denture occlusion; 4.) Dental materials and properties; 5.) Dental esthetics as it pertains to the edentulous patient; and 6.) Laboratory technical aspects of complete and partial removable denture fabrication. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 671 REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS LAB**

This course is a Laboratory course on the theory, design and fabrication of removable dentures. The course will cover both partial and complete removable dentures. Design theory and occlusion will be a focus to ensure the students will be able to construct a restoration that is comfortable and functional for the patient. Students will learn clinical procedures and laboratory techniques required to fabricate a removable prosthesis. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 672 CARIOLOGY**

This course focuses on the basic science concepts in the etiology, pathogenesis and sequelae of dental caries. The disease is approached from epidemiological, morphological, histological, biochemical, microbiological and immunological perspectives. *0.25 credits. (Fall 2023 only)*

### **PDEN 675 PRINCIPLES OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

This course will present the second-year dental student with an introduction to the principles and techniques integral to the provision of safe, effective, and comfortable Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical treatment. Emphasis will be placed on preoperative evaluation and diagnosis directed care as students develop an understanding of which procedures can be performed by a general dentist and when and how to seek consultation from or refer patients to a surgical specialist. Exodontia, management of unerupted teeth, and diagnostic techniques and treatments of infections and soft and hard tissue pathology will be covered. Techniques and strategies for intra- and post-operative pain control and prevention and management of both medical emergencies and intra- and post-operative surgical complications will be taught. Patient management techniques and medico-legal considerations will be integrated into the topics described above. Upon successful completion of

this course students will have met the expectations of the faculty as listed for each portion of the course. Students will be prepared to take the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery portion of the National Boards. Students will have a basic level of understanding of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery that will be strengthened and expanded upon in the subsequent third year Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery II course and ultimately enable them to fulfill their future responsibilities to their patients and the health care community. *1.0 credit.*

### **PDEN 676 PRE-CLINICAL PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY LAB**

This laboratory course is designed to enable the pre-doctoral dental student to develop an overall competency in pediatric dentistry and to increase his/her theoretical and clinical judgment, technical skills and case organizational abilities. Experience in restoring the pediatric dentition on simulated patients allows the student to become proficient in pediatric dentistry. *1.0 credit.*

## **YEAR 3**

### **CDEN 711 RESTORATIVE AND MATERIALS PROCEDURE REVIEW**

This course is a review of the dental materials and procedures the students learned in the first two preclinical years. Now that they are transitioning to the clinical experience the course will focus on the procedures and materials they will now be using in the clinic. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 712 ORAL DIAGNOSIS AND ORAL MEDICINE**

This course is primarily designed to teach the student how to recognize and manage patients with systemic diseases or abnormalities which directly or indirectly affect the oral and maxillofacial tissues, or necessitate modification of dental treatment, and/or the initiation special precautions to ensure the safe dental treatment of the patient. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 713 MULTIDISCIPLINARY PATIENT MANAGEMENT**

This course is a seminar review course that involves the synthesis and implementation of comprehensive treatment plans applicable to direct patient care. Emphasis is placed on the collation of diagnostic data, and the proper sequencing of treatment steps dealing primarily with the prevention, elimination, and control of dental disease. Clinical patient management and case presentation techniques are incorporated in the course design. Actual patient cases will be presented and reviewed for the students to gain insight and experience in case management. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 714 PROSTHODONTIC REVIEW SEMINAR**

This is a seminar review course that involves prosthodontic case review. Students will present cases that occur in the clinic which will be reviewed and discussed. Treatment options and goals will be discussed. Students will need to present cases and treatment plans with the rationale for the chosen treatment. Discussion of additional techniques and alternative procedures such as

immediate complete dentures, overlay dentures, implant supported overdentures, denture impression techniques, Complex fixed tooth supported prosthodontics, Complex fixed implant supported prosthodontics, and psychological implications of prosthodontic treatment and alternative occlusal schemes of complete dentures. This enables the student to broaden his/her scope of prosthodontic treatment for his/her patients. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 721 PERIODONTAL CASE REVIEW**

This is a seminar review course that involves periodontal case review. Students will present Periodontal Cases that occur in the clinic which will be reviewed and discussed. Treatment options and goals will be discussed. Students will need to present cases, treatment plans, and the rationale for the chosen treatment. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 722 ORAL SURGERY II (Formerly Removable Prosthodontics Case Review)**

This course will introduce third year dental students to more advanced topics in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and represents a natural progression from the basic concepts taught in the Introduction to Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery course. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 724 INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR**

Comprehensive Patient treatment involves the melding of all areas of dentistry. This series instructs the student how to look at all disciplines of dentistry when considering treatment options. The seminar style course will pull together all aspects of treatment to ensure the best possible treatment outcomes for the patient. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 726 (A, B) CLINICAL CASE REVIEW AND TREATMENT PLANNING**

This course is a seminar review course that involves the synthesis and implementation of comprehensive treatment plans applicable to direct patient care. Emphasis is placed on the collation of diagnostic data, and the proper sequencing of treatment steps dealing primarily with the prevention, elimination, and control of dental disease. Clinical patient management and case presentation techniques are incorporated in the course design. Actual patient cases will be presented and reviewed for the students to gain insight and experience in case management. *CLPN 726A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 726B – 2.0 credits.*

### **CDEN 730 PRACTICE MANAGEMENT I**

This didactic course will consist of 8 lecture hours presented in the winter semester of the junior year. The course will address The Dental Practice Act, Federal and State laws that regulate the practice of Dentistry. The student gains insight into the workings of a dental office and learns a systemic approach to the organization of a dental practice. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 731 TMD AND OROFACIAL PAIN**

Orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders are common reasons for the patient to seek



consultation with dental professionals. Diagnosis and management of these disorders have historically been fraught with misdiagnosis and significant controversies in appropriate management. Although there is evidenced based literature on diagnosis and management of these disorders, there is also a significant literature which is not based on credible research. Therefore, it is essential to provide dental students with the appropriate basic science foundational knowledge, critical thinking, problem solving and learning skills to ultimately result in evidence-based patient care and management strategies. Additionally, the dental students must develop attitudes and behaviors that ultimately result in proper management of these patients who are often extremely difficult to treat due to the complexity of the disease process or previous misdiagnosis and mismanagement. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 734 COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL SEMINAR/CASE OUTCOME REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Comprehensive patient treatment involves the melding of all areas of dentistry. This series instructs the students how to look at Dental Literature, and how to interpret and use the knowledge in the practice of dentistry. The seminar style allows for collaborative learning similar to a consult or post professional school study group. Case presentations allow to discuss difficult treatments with several options for treatment. M&M allows us to learn not just from success. *1.0 credit.*

### **CLPN 750 (A, B, C) COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT CARE**

This is a clinical course in the comprehensive treatment of patients at the Touro Dental Health Clinic. Student will treat patients in all areas of general dentistry. Under guidance of the Clinical Practice Leader and assisting faculty, Students will treatment plan and complete comprehensive treatment on all patients assigned. *CLPN 750A – 7.5 credits, CLPN 750B – 10.5 credits, CLPN 750C – 10.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 751 (A, B, C) PEDIATRIC CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in Pediatric Dentistry. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively treating pediatric patients. Guided by Faculty that specialize in Pediatric dentistry students will learn patient management and procedures that are unique to pediatric patients. They will also be instructed on how to manage interaction with parent or guardian. *CLPN 751A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 751B – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 751C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 752 (A, B, C) ORAL SURGERY CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in Oral Surgery. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively treating oral surgery patients. Guided by Oral Surgeons, students will learn patient management and procedures that are unique to oral surgery patients. They will also be instructed on how to manage interaction with parent or guardian. *CLPN 752A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 752B – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 752C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 753 (A, B, C) PATIENT INTAKE CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in patient intake. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively in the patient intake clinic. Guided by faculty, students will learn patient management and interview skills to enter new patients to Touro Dental Health Clinic. *CLPN 753A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 753B – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 753C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 764 (A, B) (Formerly CLPC 764) ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is rotation in Oral Health Care for Patients with Special Needs Rotation. Student will spend a one-week externship in an affiliated clinic. Guided by clinic staff, students will learn to manage special needs patients, both in treatment and referral. They will get experience with this population in the outpatient clinic, they operating room and on the mobile dental van. *CLPN 764A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 764B – 1.0 credit.*

### **CLPN 765 (A, B) HOSPITAL/CLINIC EXTERNSHIP ROTATION**

This course involves a Clinical Practice externship rotation in General Dentistry and/or Oral Surgery for D3students. These students will spend two or three Rotation Periods at affiliated sites. Each Rotation Period will last between four and six days. On-site faculty will supervise student experiences at these sites. Students will be exposed to patient care in settings that differ from that provided at Touro Dental Health. Students will learn how patients can be afforded access to dental care in a variety of healthcare settings. *CLPN 765A – 0 credits (YC), CLPN 765B – 1.0 credits.*

## **YEAR 4**

### **CDEN 812 INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR**

Comprehensive patient treatment involves the melding of all areas of dentistry. This series instructs the students how to look at Dental Literature, and how to interpret and use the knowledge in the practice of dentistry. The seminar style allows for collaborative learning similar to a consult or post professional school study group. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 815 ENDODONTIC REVIEW SEMINAR**

Endodontic Review Seminar is a seminar review course in nature. This course continues to emphasize diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as well as provide clinical application of principles taught in the second- and third-year courses. In addition, the student dentist is presented with clinical cases and must diagnose and treatment plan the best course of action. In addition, complications and management of these complications are explored. Discussion of the following topics will be discussed during the course: Endodontic Radiography, Biology of Pulp/Periapical Tissues, Endodontic Microbiology, Endodontic Diagnosis, Vital Pulp Therapy, Endodontic Emergencies, Root and Root Canal Anatomy of Anterior and Posterior Teeth, Endodontic Access

Preparation, Endodontic Instruments, Working Length Determination, Apical Stop Concept and Apical Plugs, Biomechanical Preparation of the Root Canal, Irrigation of Root Canals, Isolation, Medication, and Temporization of Root Canals., Root Canal Sealer, Gutta-percha Obturation with Warm Vertical and Lateral Condensation. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 816 LASERS IN DENTISTRY**

This course demonstrates the way lasers are currently being used in the practice of dentistry. CDEN 816 is a lecture-based course that presents essential concepts in laser dentistry citing current evidence, including, but not limited to laser safety, laser-tissue interaction, an introduction to several dental laser wavelengths, the healing nature of lasers and clinical examples in multiple dental specialties. *0.75 credits.*

### **CDEN 821 ADVANCED IMPLANT CASE REVIEW**

Advanced Implant Case review will give the students opportunity to explore the possibilities for implant restoration in more advanced cases. Clinic cases that are eligible will be presented for discussion and treatment planning. Working with the implant faculty students will treatment plan and present advanced cases to the patient and follow through on completion of treatment. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 822 (A, B) STUDENT CLINICAL CASE PRESENTATION**

Comprehensive patient treatment involves the melding of all areas of dentistry. This series instructs the students how to look at Dental Literature, and how to interpret and use the knowledge in the practice of dentistry. The seminar style allows for collaborative learning similar to a consult or post professional school study group. *CDEN 822A – 1.0 credit, CDEN 822B – 1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 823 PRACTICE MANAGEMENT II**

The course presents and discusses specific topics in the management of a dental practice. Through this course, we prepare the new graduate for the wide variety of practice opportunities they may encounter. Senior Practice management is intended to develop the business and personnel management concepts further that were presented in Practice Management I. This course is intended to reinforce and integrate the didactic material with the observations made during the extramural rotation. It is designed to be an interactive, discussion course. Course participants are expected to apply information to specific tasks at hand. A computer simulation has been designed to allow participants to have the experience of making strategic managerial decisions regarding a dental practice. *1.0 credit.*

### **CDEN 826 ADVANCED CLINICAL CASE REVIEW AND TREATMENT PLANNING**

This course is a seminar review course that involves the synthesis and implementation of comprehensive treatment plans applicable to direct patient care. Emphasis is placed on the collation of diagnostic data, and the proper sequencing of treatment steps dealing primarily with

the prevention, elimination, and control of dental disease. Clinical patient management and case presentation techniques are incorporated in the course design. Actual patient cases will be presented and reviewed for the students to gain insight and experience in case management. *C DEN 826 – 1.0 credits.*

### **CLPN 850 (A, B, C) ADVANCED COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT CARE**

This is a clinical course in advanced comprehensive treatment of patients at the Touro Dental Health Clinic. Student will treat patients in all areas of general dentistry. Under guidance of the Clinical Practice Leader and assisting faculty, Students will treatment plan and complete comprehensive treatment on all patients assigned. *CLPN 850A – 7.5 credits, CLPN 850B – 10.5 credits, CLPN 850C – 10.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 851 (A, B, C) PEDIATRIC CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in Pediatric Dentistry. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively treating pediatric patients. Guided by Faculty that specialize in Pediatric dentistry students will learn patient management and procedures that are unique to pediatric patients. They will also be instructed on how to manage interaction with parent or guardian. *CLPN 851A – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 851B – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 851C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 852 (A, B, C) ORAL SURGERY CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in Oral Surgery. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively treating oral surgery patients. Guided by Oral Surgeons, students will learn patient management and procedures that are unique to oral surgery patients. They will also be instructed on how to manage interaction with parent or guardian. *CLPN 852A – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 852B – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 852C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 853 (A, B, C) PATIENT INTAKE CLINIC ROTATION**

This course is Clinical Practice rotation in patient intake. Student will spend a two-week rotation exclusively in the patient intake clinic. Guided by faculty, students will learn patient management and interview skills to enter new patients to Touro Dental Health Clinic. *CLPN 853A – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 853B – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 853C – 1.5 credits.*

### **CLPN 865 (A, B) HOSPITAL/CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP ROTATION**

This course involves a Clinical Practice externship rotation in General Dentistry and/or Oral Surgery for D4students. These students will spend two or three Rotation Periods at affiliated sites. Each Rotation Period will last between four and six days. On-site faculty will supervise student experiences at these sites. Students will be exposed to patient care in settings that differ from that provided at Touro Dental Health. Students will learn how patients can be afforded access to dental care in a variety of healthcare settings. *CLPN 865A – 0 credit (YC), CLPN 865B – 1.0 credits.*

## **ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Students are required to do 40 hours of approved community service over the course of their four-year program at the College of Dental Medicine for which opportunities will be made available. The purpose is to provide approved potential experiences for students to help in their personal development of a culturally competent oral health care provider. Service Learning is an activity or experience that usually takes place within the community and provides educational benefit to the individual and a particular service or result to the community. Students must submit a completed application to the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs that addresses this definition and at the conclusion of the total defined hours of any one community service experience the student will submit a one-page reflection on their service learning and community service.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs: Aaron Yancoskie, D.D.S.

(914) 594-2627

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The Touro College of Dental Medicine Office of Academic and Student Affairs is committed to the supporting its students by assisting them with academic and quality of life issues throughout their education at TCDM. The office has an open-door policy that provides a welcoming environment where students can discuss an array of issues – personal, social, academic, etc. The Director of Students Affairs is available to students to discuss concerns and to file complaints where necessary. Please note that, based on the nature of the complaint, information discussed may not be confidential.

The following is a brief listing of the functions handled by the TCDM Office of Academic and Student Affairs:

- Counseling: Academic, Career, Personal
- Faculty advisors

- Ombudsman for students
- Employment (summer and part-time)
- Letters of recommendation: Dean's letters, Scholarships
- Research opportunities
- Electives (at an outside institution)
- Integrated National Board Dental Examinations (NBDE) applications
- Residency information
- ADEA PASS (Postdoctoral Application Support Service)
- Academic challenges
- Liaison with the Curriculum Committee
- Liaison with the Student Government
- Function and composition of working and advisory committees such as the Student-Faculty Relations Committee
- Orientation programs for entering students
- Maintenance of student program records
- Advice about career decisions and postgraduate education
- Regional board examinations

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar maintains students' academic records. The functions of this office include:

- Coordinating semester course registration.
- Preparing official transcripts.
- Evaluating transfer credits for enrolled students.
- Processing Change of Address, Change of Name, Leave of Absence and other forms.
- Handling matters pertaining to veterans.
- Verifying whether students meet graduation requirements.
- Processing certificates of fulltime status for insurance, licensing, etc.
- Issuing diplomas upon graduation.
- Advising foreign students on maintaining student status.

### **Contact Information:**

**University Registrar Phone #:** (212) 463-0400 ext. 5445

#### **Office of the Registrar**

Sunshine Cottage, Room 127

Valhalla, NY 10595

Email: [Registrar@nymc.edu](mailto:Registrar@nymc.edu)

**Registrar Phone #:** 914-594-4495

**Assistant Registrar Phone #:** 914-594-3583

**Fax #:** 914-594-3752

## **Office Hours:**

### **April to September:**

- Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **October to March:**

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **CHANGE OF NAME**

TCDM will adjust its records appropriately if a student legally changes his or her name. A student who has a legal change of name must submit, to the Registrar, the legal documents (court order, marriage license, etc.) related to the change. All permanent records are changed to conform to the student's legal name. **NOTE:** The name that appears on all financial aid paperwork (e.g., social security card) must match the new name as well.

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

This office is responsible for the processing and packaging of Federal, State, City and Touro Grants and loan applications. It also supervises the College Work Study Program. Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application, required for all financial aid, is provided by the staff in this office. All questions about financial aid should be directed to this office. Students and/or their parents who need assistance in filling out the FAFSA application should make an appointment with a financial aid counselor.

### **Location:**

2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.  
5th Floor Room 519 C  
New York, NY 10027

**Associate Director of Financial Aid**

Phone: (212) 851-1199 ext. 42586

[Financialaid.Dental@touro.edu](mailto:Financialaid.Dental@touro.edu)

## **OFFICE OF THE BURSAR**

The Office of the Bursar maintains student accounts including the review of charges and payments, issuing refunds, collection activities and providing support and guidance to our students. Candidates for graduation must obtain bursarial clearance before receiving their diplomas. In accordance with University policy, diplomas are not issued to students with outstanding tuition balances.

Students are responsible for ensuring that their accounts are paid on time and in full. All students have 24-hour access to their account activity, making payments, enrolling in payment plans and direct deposit on our online payment portal TouchNet.

To access TouchNet, log in to the TouroOne portal at [touroone.touro.edu](http://touroone.touro.edu) following the user and password guidelines, and then select “TouchNet” from the menu. Payment methods accepted through TouchNet include all major credit cards or by E-Check using a checking account. Please be advised that payments on student accounts made online by credit or debit card will be charged a 2.95% non-refundable convenience fee by our third-party provider, TouchNet® Pay Path. Students can *avoid this fee* by simply choosing to pay with our electronic check (E-check) option. To pay by E-check, select electronic check for your method of payment and provide your bank routing number and account number.

The Office of the Bursar is committed to guarding our students from unlawful acts of identity theft. The College takes very seriously the privacy rights of students, including the protection of personal credit card and bank account information.

For questions on any topic or issues with accessing the TouroOne portal or TouchNet, please contact the TouroOne Helpdesk at [help@touro.edu](mailto:help@touro.edu) or by calling 844-868-7666.

The Office of the Bursar staff are here to support you. Please contact us using the information below:

Office of the Bursar  
New York Medical College  
Sunshine Cottage, Suite 115B

**Email:** [bursar@nymc.edu](mailto:bursar@nymc.edu)

Phone: (914) 594-4454 or (914) 594-4471

Fax: (914) 594-3477

**Hours:**

**October 1 through March 31 (Fall/Winter):**

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday

**April 1 through September 30 (Spring/Summer):**

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday

**SECTION 103 PROVISIONS FOR VETERAN STUDENTS: PENDING PAYMENT COMPLIANCE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Touro University adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Veteran Readiness and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the University is pending from the VA, Touro University will not:



- prevent nor delay the student’s enrollment;
- assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- deny the student access to any resources available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to Touro University, including, but not limited to, access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- produce the Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- provide a written request to be certified;
- provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other University policies.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Touro University (“Touro” or the “University”) complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which protects persons from discrimination on the basis of physical or mental impairments for all educational and employment purposes. Reasonable Accommodations may be available for students who have physical or learning-related disabilities.

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities who request accommodations. Policies and procedures ensure that students with a disability will not, on the basis of that disability, be denied full and equal access to academic and co-curricular programs or activities or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under programs offered by the University. The University has a centralized Office of Student Disability Services headed by an Executive Director who oversees Student Disability Services operations in the Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Divisions. Touro College of Dental Medicine students with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodations should do so through the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS) Coordinator for TCDM, Emily Cohen, Academic Support Specialist and Program Coordinator, [ecohen37@nymc.edu](mailto:ecohen37@nymc.edu).

A student requesting accommodation for a documented disability under the ADA must meet with the OSDS coordinator and submit an Application for Accommodations & Services. Verbal disclosure of a disability and request for accommodation is not sufficient and cannot substitute for required documentation. Students may apply for reasonable accommodations at any time. Accommodations, if granted, are only done so on a prospective basis. Reasonable accommodations are never provided retroactively.

Students seeking reasonable accommodations must:

1. Complete the Application for Accommodations & Services.
2. Provide documentation as described in the Guide to Documentation Requirements.
3. Participate in an interactive dialogue with the OSDS coordinator.

The process, as described above, will result in the issuance of a Receipt of Accommodations form, which will either approve or deny the request. This form is signed by the coordinator, the Dean or Program Director, and the student.

The process, including all submitted documentation, remains confidential. The Receipt of Accommodations (“Receipt”) should not contain any disability-specific information; rather it only lists approved accommodations. The Receipt is shared with the program in which the student is registered to ensure that the approved accommodations are implemented.

A copy of the Application for Accommodations & Services may be available by contacting the Office of Student Disability Services Coordinator for TCDM, Emily Cohen, [ecohen37@nymc.edu](mailto:ecohen37@nymc.edu).

## **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Student Rights**

- Confidentiality of all information pertaining to a student’s disability, except where disclosure is required by law.
- Equal access to courses, programs, services, jobs, activities, and facilities available through the University.
- Reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and/or academic adjustments determined by the coordinators of OSDS.
- Access to all services and support available to all Touro students with reasonable accommodations where necessary and appropriate.

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Request reasonable accommodations as necessary and appropriate.
- Meet University and programmatic qualifications, technical, academic, and institutional standards set for all students.
- Identify themselves as an individual with a disability when seeking reasonable accommodation (please note that the approval process takes some time, and as such students are urged to file their paperwork as soon as possible).
- Provide documentation (i.e. diagnosis, diagnostic exam results, etc.) from an appropriate professional source(s) to verify the nature of the disability and functional limitations as related to the requested accommodation(s).
- Respond in a timely fashion to the Office of Student Disability Services’ requests for additional information.
- Follow specific procedures for obtaining reasonable accommodations.
- Attend all classes for enrolled courses, unless otherwise medically excused.

- Immediately report to the OSDS coordinator if previously-approved accommodations are not being made.
- Report to the OSDS coordinator if previously-approved accommodations require modification, which will result in an interactive dialogue and may result in modifications to reasonable accommodations.
- Understand that accommodations are never provided on a retroactive basis.
- Understand that receiving reasonable accommodations is not a guarantee of academic success.
- Keep a copy of their submitted documentation. Touro is not the custodian of the student's application or medical records.

## **GRIEVANCE POLICY**

If a student feels that he/she has been discriminated against on the basis of their disability or disability status, he/she has the right to file a complaint through the grievance or student complaint mechanisms stated in the applicable Catalog or Student Handbook. A similar procedure can be followed by a student to appeal the University's response to a request for reasonable accommodations.

For more information and a copy of the Office of Student Disability Services Handbook, please visit <https://www.touro.edu/departments/student-disability-services/>

## **OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

The Office of Student Academic Support (OSAS) is committed to the academic success of all TCDM students. The amount of material and pace of the curriculum generally will require students to adapt or modify their study and personal habits, as well as their test-taking skills, and this can present difficulties for many students. Our goal is to identify struggling students as early as possible and provide academic or other support resources for the purposes of course and exam preparation. OSAS staff members lead workshops about study strategies and are available to meet one-on-one with students who would like support with creating individual study plans. The writing/language support through the OSAS includes: workshops on all stages of the writing process; strategies for non-native English speakers; and supplemental individual guidance (in person and electronically) on resumes, cover letters and PASS personal statements. OSAS is not involved in career advising and encourages students to seek program specific career advice within their respective program.

### **Academic Support Services Offered**

- Study skills and test-taking strategies workshops
- Time and stress management workshops

- Peer Learning Partner Program
- One-on-one appointments (in-person, zoom, or phone)
- Study Partner Match Program
- Supplemental one-on-one writing support for coursework

Office of Student Academic Support  
 Sunshine Cottage, Suite 213-222A  
 New York Medical College  
 40 Sunshine Cottage Road  
 Valhalla, NY 10595

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday  
 (Note: the College closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays from October 1 - March 31)

Phone: (914) 594-3880  
 General Email: [academicsupport@nymc.edu](mailto:academicsupport@nymc.edu)  
 Writing Support Email: [nymc-osaswriting@nymc.edu](mailto:nymc-osaswriting@nymc.edu)

## **STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (SAPRC)**

The Student Academic Performance Review Committee (SAPRC) reviews the academic, clinical, and professional performance of dental students. This committee recommends to the dean appropriate action to be taken for each student including, but not limited to, advancement to the next year, graduation, remediation, or dismissal.

The Committee considers each student individually in the context of quality of performance, achievement of required competencies, completion of the requirements of the program of study, and the professional attitudes, behaviors, and values expected. The committee makes professional judgments regarding students and has the latitude to make exceptions to academic guidelines for exceptional situations. The committee normally meets semi-annually, and during the course of each academic year, all students are reviewed.

The committee makes recommendations in the following areas:

- Promotion of students
- Certification for graduation
- Disciplinary action for unethical or non-professional behavior
- Remediation of academic deficiencies, including formulation of the remedial strategy
- Repetition of an academic year
- Dismissal
- Other recommendations as called upon by the Dean.

In considering the advancement, promotion, remediation, or graduation of an individual student,

the Committee is given wide latitude, and may evaluate the totality of the educational performance and make decisions in the best interest of the student's education, TCDM, and the public. If a student fails to pass a course in the program, the committee reviews performance in all courses and may require a student to repeat any or all courses in an academic year, even those that have been previously passed. When repeating courses, the student must achieve a passing grade.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)**

The Student Government Association (SGA) plays an important role in the TCDM community. It focuses on the problems and needs of the student body and works to bring about constructive change. The By-Laws of the SGA are available on the Student Government Canvas course.

Student representatives serve on standing College committees and other organizations of the College.

In addition, upon enrollment into TCDM, all students are enrolled by TCDM into the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) as student members (with dues paid by TCDM).

## **STUDENT CLUB/ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **Policy**

The Touro College of Dental Medicine recognizes the contributions of student clubs, organizations, and events in enhancing the quality of student life and the College community. These clubs, organizations, and events offer students the opportunities to participate in academic, health-related, cultural, social and athletic activities that are consistent with the development of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes expected of professionals in the health care sciences. Inasmuch as their activities and functions are considered College activities, all student clubs/organizations and events must:

- be registered with and approved by the Office of Student Affairs.
- function in a manner consistent with the values, identity and mission of the Touro College of Dental Medicine.
- be open to all students currently enrolled at TCDM.
- have at least six currently-enrolled students as members.
- not duplicate the function or purpose of any existing group.
- comply with the policies and procedures of the College and University.

Student clubs, organizations, and events are *not* eligible if their purpose or activities:

- are unlawful or in violation of College or University policies.
- endanger the safety of anyone or of University facilities.
- threaten to disrupt or obstruct College or University functions.
- foster hatred or intolerance of others.

- are conducted secretly or are purely commercial or financially profitable to group members.
- are inconsistent with the need to operate in a manner that is respectful and sensitive to all faiths but in keeping with Jewish tradition, including without limitation, abiding by the Jewish calendar and *glatt kosher* requirements.

Several benefits are available to registered and approved student clubs, organizations, and events at the College. These include:

- placement of notices on College bulletin boards
- use of the College’s email system
- eligibility for the use of College facilities, including meeting spaces and media services
- eligibility to apply for institutional funding from the SGA
- inclusion in the College’s student publications

### **Procedures**

All student clubs, organizations, and events wishing to use the College’s facilities and intending to seek institutional funding must be registered and approved each academic year by the Office of Student Affairs. In addition, all student clubs, organizations, and events must re-register their activities at the beginning of each academic year with the Office of Academic Affairs. This includes approvals for all invited guest speakers, outside of the NYMC and Touro system.

To be considered for official registration and approval at Touro College of Dental Medicine, a student club, organization, or event must submit a completed [Student Club/Organization Request Form](#) to the Office of Student Affairs indicating:

- the mission, purpose and goals of the student club/organization/event
- the duties and responsibilities of all officers or leaders
- the current officers’ names, addresses and telephone numbers
- the names and classes of all members or participants
- the frequency, dates, times and locations of meetings or events
- a schedule of activities and events planned for the upcoming academic year

Any additional information reasonably requested must also be provided by the student club, organization or event. Registrations are reviewed for approval after a discussion with the Senior Director of Student Affairs.

Each student club/organization must meet the following requirements for registration and approval (also see “Policy,” above):

1. Its mission and purpose must meet a need not presently met by another club or organization at the College.
2. It must demonstrate that its activities contribute to the overall educational mission of the College by promoting the social, moral, cultural, intellectual, spiritual, or physical development of members of the College community.

3. Its mission, purpose and activities must not be inconsistent with the values, identity, and mission of Touro University to operate in a manner that is respectful and sensitive to all faiths but in keeping with Jewish tradition, including without limitation, abiding by the Jewish calendar and glatt kosher requirements.
4. Membership and membership privileges must be open to all interested students enrolled at TCDM and include at least six currently enrolled students.
5. All officers and student leaders must be in good standing, both academically and in terms of conduct.
6. No prospective member may be denied full participation in club activities on the basis of unlawful discrimination as to race, ethnicity, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender, age, disability, marital status, genetic predisposition, sexual orientation, citizenship status, or any other protected class.
7. All public announcements regarding the club, organization, or event(s) must be pre-approved for dissemination to the TCDM community.
8. Meetings should be publicized, and all interested students invited to attend.
9. It must fully comply with all existing College policies, and future policies when/if implemented, including, but not limited to the Policy on Professional Conduct, Anti-Hazing Policy, Policy on Drugs and Controlled Substances, Student Code of Academic Integrity and this policy.
10. Its elected officers or student leaders must meet with the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs to coordinate proposed functions and activities with the academic calendar to assure that these activities do not conflict with scheduled student academic priorities.
11. All registered and approved student clubs/organizations/events must submit for prior review and approval any changes to its mission or purpose or revisions to its governance and provide copies of all appropriate documents related thereto.

Once a student club, organization, or event has been approved by the Senior Director of Student Affairs, a budget form and request for funding from the SGA may be submitted to the treasurer of the SGA. All requests to use College facilities including audiovisual and media services should be coordinated through the Senior Director of Student Affairs, who must authorize their use in writing. All materials for public postings in the appropriate designated areas and venues must be submitted for prior review and approval by the Senior Director of Student Affairs.

Any questions about this policy and related procedures should be directed to the Office of Student Affairs.

## INSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY POLICY

All policies, practices and procedures of Touro College of Dental Medicine are administered in a manner that preserves its rights, character and identity. Students or student organizations who wish to use the name of TCDM in conjunction with any public effort, activity or product must obtain prior written permission from the Office of Student Affairs.

## STUDENT FUNDRAISING POLICY

Before initiating a student fundraising project for any purpose, students should contact the Office of Student Affairs for information and guidelines.

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

TCDM students have access to treatment at the New York Medical College Health Services Office. The office, located in the Basic Sciences Building, near the Pathology wing, is staffed by a medical director and rotating nurse practitioners, and handles internal medicine problems. Nurse practitioners can diagnose and treat most common illnesses as well as prescribe medications.

### Mailing Address

New York Medical College  
Health Services  
Basic Sciences Building  
Valhalla, NY 10595

**Main Phone Number:** (914) 594-4234

**Office Fax:** (914) 594-4692

**Email:** [health\\_services@nymc.edu](mailto:health_services@nymc.edu)

**Please note that Health Services visits are by appointment only.**

**For further information, please visit:** <https://www.nymc.edu/departments/administrative-departments/health-services/contact-health-services/>

## STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**In the case of a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.**

The Department of Student Mental Health and Wellness (SMH&W) provides programs and strategies designed to reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety, to help promote students' overall good health and enhance their quality of life. In pursuit of those objectives, the department strives to deliver its services with respect, empathy, and awareness.

The Director of the Department is Robin Hershkowitz, LCSW-R. Additional staff includes Master of Social Work interns. Throughout the year, the department provides psychoeducational events



designed to enhance and promote professional development. Programs support and enhance coping skills, facilitate adjustment and increase quality of life. Events can be found by clicking [here](#) or visiting the main NYMC website.

### **Wellness Classes**

The department provides holistic wellness classes including yoga, meditation, and pilates. Classes are held twice a week, and available anytime on demand. Follow this [link](#) for the schedule, recordings and more details.

The department also offers an anonymous way to connect with a clinician. Using the **Interactive Screening Program (ISP)** students can take a brief, anonymous online depression and anxiety questionnaire and get confidential feedback and support from a department counselor. The counselor provides information, support and resources to facilitate connecting with a mental health provider. Click on this [link](#) to access the ISP.

### **Mental Health Counseling**

Mental health counseling services will be provided through Teladoc at no cost to students. Teladoc's Mental Health services can address challenges such as anxiety, depression, grief, family issues, and more. Students can choose to see a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or therapist and establish an ongoing relationship. Providers are available 7 AM to 9 PM, seven days a week and accessed using a secure Video platform. To see a clinician, students need to register an account at Teladoc. To get started, students can download their app, call by telephone at 1-800-Teladoc or visit [member.teladoc.com/registrations/get\\_started](https://member.teladoc.com/registrations/get_started). Students can request any provider of their choice, at any time that works best for them.

### **After-Hours Service**

Students can also access free, confidential help through Health Advocate. This is a professional telephone evaluation and in the moment support, where help is available 24/7. Other support services through Health Advocate include help with childcare, eldercare, relocation, financial and legal problems, life transitions, substance abuse and more. This can be accessed at [Health Advocate](#), through the app or by calling 855-384-1800.

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**Office Hours**

October 1 through March 31 (Fall/Winter):

Mon -Thurs                   9 AM to 5 PM

Fri                               9 AM to 3 PM

**April 1 through September 30 (Spring/Summer):**

Mon - Fri                    9 AM to 5 PM

**In the case of a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.**

NYMC Office of Public Safety: 914-594-4226

**STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE**

Students are required to be covered by hospitalization insurance satisfactory to the College. Student group contracts with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Comprehensive Care Plan are maintained by the College for this purpose. Married students may elect to purchase family contracts at additional expense. Enrollment forms and additional information is available at: <https://app.hsac.com/tcdm>. Student who elect to retain other acceptable insurance will be required to submit written documentation. The health insurance program is administered by the Bursar.

**STUDENT DISABILITY INSURANCE**

TCDM has worked in conjunction with the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and Great-West Financial to automatically enroll all dental students in the ASDA student members disability and life insurance plans. This insurance is provided at no cost to students as a benefit of their ASDA membership (see p. 61) and covers them throughout dental school. The life insurance policy includes \$50,000 of term life insurance plus \$50,000 of accidental death insurance. The disability policy provides a \$2,000/month disability benefit for up to seven years and up to \$150,000 to repay student loans while disabled. Great-West, the administrator of these plans, sends each student an email confirming enrollment and a packet containing certificates of insurance and more details about coverage. Once a student is enrolled, the coverage continues throughout each year of dental school. Students should register their accounts online at [insurance.ada.org/account/registration.aspx](https://insurance.ada.org/account/registration.aspx) to view coverage details and update contact

information any time it changes. Nancy Fix is the Insurance Plan Specialist for Touro and she is available to answer any questions students may have about coverage or insurance needs both as a student and after graduation as a new dentist. For more information, visit [insurance.ada.org/dental-student.aspx](https://insurance.ada.org/dental-student.aspx) or call 855-411-5197.

## POLICY ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

The curriculum has been carefully designed to ensure that students attain the educational objectives of the Touro College of Dental Medicine. Students' direct engagement in the learning process is required for completion of the requirements for the D.D.S. degree, and the fulfillment of these objectives.

The classroom component is an essential part of the educational experience. Students are expected to attend lecture and laboratory sessions on a regular and punctual basis and to complete assignments in a timely fashion in order to obtain the educational benefits that each meeting affords. Instructors may include an attendance policy with appropriate consequences in their course syllabus. At the discretion of the course director, excessive absences or failure to complete assignments may lead to a reduction in the student's grade or failure in the course. Note: Financial aid may not be available in cases where the student does not meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

During the first two pre-clinical years, students are **expected to attend ALL** small group conferences, laboratories, and other teaching exercises, as well as any educational activities and programs sponsored and directed by the College.

## EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE

Taking examinations at the time of assignment is an important aspect of professionalism, an integral component of the dental education curriculum at TCDM. Therefore, students are expected to take each examination on its scheduled date and time. Students unable to sit for a scheduled exam must follow these steps:

1. In the rare event a student is unable to sit for a scheduled exam due to a serious *unforeseen* circumstance (including but not limited to: death in the immediate family, car accident, serious illness) or an *unavoidable* life cycle event, the student must *immediately* notify the Senior Director of Student Affairs as well as the course director upon initial knowledge of said circumstance.
2. The student will be expected to provide adequate proof (i.e. appropriate documentation) of the *unforeseen* circumstance or *unavoidable* life cycle event to the Office of Student Affairs. The Office of Student Affairs will have the final decision on whether or not the proof is considered adequate.

3. Upon providing acceptable and adequate proof, the absence will be considered an **excused absence**.
4. If a student cannot provide adequate proof of a serious *unforeseen* circumstance, *unavoidable* life cycle event, or if the student missed the examination due to the student's negligence, the absence is considered an **unexcused absence**. In this case, a student will receive a zero for the examination.
5. With respect to **excused absences**, the course director will determine the date, time, and content of the make-up examination. In select circumstances, the student may take the make-up exam prior to the Office of Student Affairs arriving at a final decision on whether or not the explanation for their excused absence is adequate. Should the Office of Student Affairs decide that the absence is not excusable, the student will receive a grade of zero on their exam, regardless of the score.
6. Quiz examination attendance policies will be determined for each course by the course director and described in the course syllabus.

## LABORATORY ATTENDANCE

At TCDM, development of interpersonal skills is an integral component of the curriculum. A significant portion of this education occurs through the day-to-day interactions between and among students, faculty and support staff in the pre-clinical simulation laboratory. Therefore, laboratory attendance is mandatory, with students expected to arrive on time and work throughout the session. These rules apply to laboratory work:

1. Arriving fifteen minutes after the beginning of a laboratory session as determined by the audience response system (ARS) is considered an unexcused late arrival and will result in a loss of 1-point subtraction from the Laboratory course grade.
2. An unexcused absence from an entire laboratory session will result in a 2-point subtraction from the Laboratory course grade. Students continue to lose 2 points for every laboratory unexcused session missed.
3. All laboratory sessions are mandatory regardless of project completion status. However, a student is permitted to leave, or not attend a laboratory session *with approval from his or her assigned faculty member or in their absence approval by the course director* if all current laboratory projects and assignments have been recorded as complete in Blackboard.

## GRADING, REMEDIATION, AND CREDIT HOURS

TCDM assigns letter grades for each course, based on the student's performance.

Grades are assigned as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GRADE DEFINITION</u>	<u>GRADE VALUE</u>
A	High Honors	4.000
B	Honors	3.000
C	Satisfactory	2.000
P	Passing	Not calculated in GPA
F/C	Satisfactory with remediation	2.000
F/P	Satisfactory with remediation	Not calculated in GPA
F	Unsatisfactory	0.000
INC	Incomplete	Pending (not calculated in GPA)
W	Withdrawal	Not calculated in GPA
WU	Withdrawal Unsatisfactory	0.000
WNA	Withdrawal Never Attended	Not calculated in GPA
YC	Year Course	N/A

Courses are rated at one credit hour for approximately each 16 hours of lecture or 48 hours of laboratory and/or practice sessions.

### **Additional Grade Explanations**

**F (Unsatisfactory):** If a grade of “F” is earned, the course must be remediated or repeated. All “F” grades must be converted to passing grades before a student may enter the clinic or be promoted, unless otherwise authorized by the Dean. If remediation is unsuccessful, the student must re-register for the course and repeat it in its entirety. The final grade for the repeated course is calculated into the GPA.

**F/C (Satisfactory with remediation):** After an unsatisfactory performance has had successful remediation, an “F/C” will replace the “F” on the transcript.

**F/P (Satisfactory with remediation):** After an unsatisfactory performance has had successful remediation, an “F/P” will replace the “F” on the transcript in P/F coursework.

**INC (Incomplete):** Student did not complete all course assignments and received the instructor’s permission to complete course requirements at a later date (see ‘Grade of Incomplete’ section below).

**W (Withdrawal):** (No penalty) This grade is assigned when a student officially withdraws from a course after the Add/Drop period by filing an Add/Drop form with the Office of the Registrar, signed by an academic advisor. A student who does not file this form will receive a failing grade of WU, depending on the number of class sessions attended and the amount of work completed. Time periods for official withdrawal vary by semester.

**WU (Withdrawal Unsatisfactory):** Student stopped attending/participating before 60% or less of the scheduled classes per semester; calculated as a failing grade.

**WNA (Withdrawal Never Attended):** Student never attended class/rotation. When this grade is assigned, it is not calculated in the student's grade point average (GPA). Additionally, Touro University reserves the right to assign a WNA grade, when necessary, in limited circumstances.

**YC (Year Course):** Course is part of a multi-semester sequence. Final grade issued in last course in the sequence.

### **GRADE OF "INCOMPLETE" (INC)**

A grade of "Incomplete" (INC) may be given to students who have acceptable levels of performance for a given course, but have not completed all course requirements – such as an examination, a paper, a field work project, or time on a clinical rotation. "Incomplete" grades are routinely allowed only for the completion of a relatively small percentage of work in a course (e.g., 25%). Grades of "Incomplete" are not issued to students who are doing substandard work in order to give them the opportunity to redo their projects/exams so that they can achieve an acceptable grade.

The procedure for granting an "Incomplete" begins with the student requesting a meeting with the faculty member in which the faculty member will review the student's progress and decide whether it is appropriate for the student to receive the grade of "Incomplete." If the faculty member decides that the student does not meet the requirements for the grade of Incomplete, she or he may deny the student's request. The student may contest the faculty member's decision by appealing in writing to the department/program chair. Policies regarding the consequences of missing a final exam may differ in individual schools or programs, and will govern the student's right to request a grade of "Incomplete."

If the student is permitted to apply for an Incomplete, he or she will fill out a Contract for Grade of Incomplete. The Contract is considered a request until it is approved and signed by the student, faculty member, and department/program chair. Signed copies of the Contract are given to the student, the faculty member, the departmental/program chair, and a copy is forwarded to the Registrar's Office. The faculty member is asked to record the grade of "Incomplete."

Although the time allowed for the completion of any single project may vary depending on the magnitude of the project, with a typical timeframe being 6 weeks, grade of Incomplete should not be allowed to stand longer than one semester from the end of the semester in which the course was given. (Incomplete grade in the Fall must be changed by end of the next Spring; Incomplete grade in the Spring must be changed by the end of next Fall). The faculty member will specify the amount of time allowed to finish an incomplete project in the contract. The amount of time should be appropriate to the project. For instance, a faculty member may only want to allow a relatively short amount of time to complete a missing exam. Under special circumstances, the Dean may extend the deadline beyond one semester. In such a case, the contract should be revised to reflect the change. Once the student completes the required project, the faculty member determines the final grade for the course and notifies the Registrar by using the standard Change of Grade form.

Courses that receive an “Incomplete” grade will be counted toward the total number of credits attempted, but not earned. The course will not be calculated in the student’s term or cumulative GPA until the incomplete grade is resolved. If the “INC” grade is subsequently changed to an “F,” the “F” grade will be calculated into the student’s GPA and will appear on the transcript. Incomplete grades can, therefore, affect a student’s financial aid status at the college, but will not initially affect the student’s GPA. For students who are accessing Title IV programs to assist in paying their educational expenses, a grade of “Incomplete” may result in the inability of the Financial Aid office to confirm that students are in satisfactory academic standing.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) AND CLASS RANK**

A student’s official grade point average (GPA) is calculated at the end of each semester. Each letter grade has a numerical equivalent, or “value,” as shown above. Cumulative GPA is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned at TCDM by the total number of credit hours completed, except for those with the grade of “P” in courses graded on a pass/fail basis. Example: A student receives the following grades and credits:

<i><b>GRADE</b></i>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>GRADE VALUE</b>	<b>GRADE POINTS</b>
<i>A</i>	4	X 4.000	= 16.000
<i>B</i>	3	X 3.000	= 9.000
<i>B</i>	4	X 3.000	= 12.000
<i>F/C</i>	3	X 2.000	= 6.000
<i>Totals</i>	14	--	43.000
<i>Calculated GPA: 43.000 ÷ 14 = 3.071</i>			

The College does not maintain class rankings.

Students have numerous opportunities to demonstrate competence in each area of the academic program. For students who have not performed sufficiently well in a given course, the College may offer a re-examination and/or a maximum of two remediation opportunities, subject to the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy. However, remediation should be regarded as a privilege that must be earned by a student through active participation in the educational program, as demonstrated by regular attendance and by individual initiative and utilization of resources available to him/her. Decisions regarding remediation are made by the Dean on an individual basis after considering the recommendation of the SAPRC and all pertinent circumstances in each case.

## **RE-EXAMINATION**

If immediately following a course, a student's grade is calculated to be unsatisfactory but the student is deemed, by the course director, to have demonstrated adequate knowledge of course material, for example within 5% of the determined passing grade without rounding, they can be re-examined with a comprehensive examination or some other method as determined by the course director within one week of the last day of the course ending. If successful, they would receive a course grade of no higher than "C." If they are unsuccessful, or a student is deemed to not have adequate foundational knowledge to be re-examined, they will receive the grade of "F" and be required to remediate the course as set forth below.

## **REMEDICATION**

The SAPRC, after review of individual student academic performance and overall academic record, may recommend to the Dean one of the following courses of action:

1. Take the failed course at an accredited institution with the approval of the Academic Dean in consultation with the course director. Such approval may be granted if the course offers comparable course content and curriculum as determined by the Academic Dean in his/her absolute discretion. In this case, students who have taken and earned a grade of no less than 'C' will be deemed to have adequate knowledge of course material and the grade for the course will be converted from an "F" to an "F/C". The F/C will appear on the transcript and a 2.0 will be used in GPA calculation.
2. Repeat the course(s) that have been failed by repeating portions or all of the previous academic year in a manner determined by the Academic Dean. In which case all previous grades will remain on the transcript and calculated in the GPA.
3. Be dismissed from the program.

## **APPEAL**

Within five business days of a written notification of the SAPRC, the student must submit a concise, written statement detailing the basis for the appeal. An Ad Hoc Committee will be appointed by the Academic Dean to hear the appeal. The student will be notified of the date, time, and place of the Ad Hoc committee meeting scheduled to consider the appeal, and has the right to be present at that hearing. During the hearing, the student may speak in support of their appeal. The student may ask a member of the full-time faculty to join him/her for the part of the meeting when the student is present. The faculty member is not present to speak, but rather to be supportive of the student. Legal representation is not permitted at the meeting. In the event that the student fails to attend the meeting without cause, the Ad Hoc committee shall proceed in his/her absence. The Ad Hoc committee will provide the SAPRC with a report. The student will be notified, in writing, of the decision of the SAPRC within ten business days of completion of the Ad Hoc meeting. All appeal decisions are final. In the event of a dismissal, no further applications for enrollment can be considered.



## TUITION CHARGES FOR REMEDIATION

When a student is required to repeat a segment of the academic program, the student is required to pay tuition and fees for that segment of the curriculum as defined by the College. No tuition refunds will be made if a student is dismissed from TCDM, except as provided by the University's refund policy. Students who have been allowed remediation must inquire as to whether they will be eligible for financial aid for their particular remediation plan. The College cannot guarantee that a student will be eligible for financial aid funds for remediated courses. With that said, students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

## PROMOTION

The curriculum of the College of Dental Medicine is divided into four academic years, each year building on the subject material of the preceding year. At the end of each course, each student's performance is evaluated and recorded. A student's final course grade is determined by the faculty after evaluation of the student's performance in all aspects of the coursework, including achievement of course objectives/competencies in all domains (i.e., knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors). Criteria for assigning grades are determined by the course director. These criteria are provided to the student, as part of the course syllabus, before classes begin.

### **Policy, Procedures, Options**

Student progress is assessed after each semester. Promotion, defined as progression from one academic year to the next, takes place within these guidelines:

1. Students are recommended to the Dean for promotion by the SAPRC.
2. A student who has an "INC" and/or "F" on their record will not be recommended for advancement until the "INC" and/or "F" is converted to a satisfactory grade, unless so authorized by the Dean.
3. A student with three (3) or more "F", "F/C" or "INC" grades in an academic year will, at a minimum, be requested to repeat all coursework in that academic year.
4. After remediation, a student with 2 or fewer "F" grades will, at a minimum, be required to either (1) repeat the course(s) in which the "F" grades were earned, or (2) repeat a portion of, or the entire, year, or (3) be dismissed.
5. No student may progress to the third year (clinic) until all courses have been passed unless so authorized by the Dean.
6. When considering a student for promotion, professional, ethical, and personal conduct is considered.
7. A student who has met all the above requirements will be promoted, provided that all academic, compliance, and financial requirements to the College have been satisfied.

If a student's academic performance in a year of study does not meet the institutional requirement for advancement the student may be requested to repeat a course or even the entire academic year as decided by the Student Academic Performance Review Committee (SAPRC) (See below).

### **Tuition for a Partial Academic Program**

Student tuition levels for a required partial academic program

1. Students identified and required to remediate courses at the Touro College of Dental Medicine are required to pay tuition at the rate of:
  - a. \$1,500 per credit plus the semesters administrative, material, and technology fees with a minimum fee of \$1,500 for courses less than one credit.\*
  - b. Full semester rates apply, plus administrative, material, and technology fees in the case of reattempting a full semester of courses.
2. Students enrolled in remediation courses offered at other institutions, that fulfill the education requirements of the Touro College of Dental Medicine, are responsible for that institution's tuition and required fees.
3. Students required to audit courses during a partial repetition of a semester or year will be required to pay \$500 per credit plus the semesters administrative, material and technology fees.
4. Tuition and fees for special cases are at the discretion of the Dean

\*rate based on an average of 42 credits a year and tuition being per credit based on the year repeating.

## **GRADE APPEAL POLICY**

Any student enrolled in a TCDM program who wishes to appeal a course, rotation, or elective final grade or other evaluation may do so within 10 business days of the receipt of these grades or evaluations.

The appeal must be based on either: (1) the process that led to the grade and/or (2) questions about the factual content used in the evaluation process. It cannot be based on examination content or the methods of evaluation.

In cases of an appeal, students must document the basis of their appeal and the intended result they seek by following the procedure outlined below:

1. **First level of appeal:** the student's first appeal is to the course/rotation director or faculty. The director will review the student's documented concerns and available evidence for the appeal. The director will make a final decision within 10 business days of receiving the student's initial request.

2. **Second level of appeal:** if a student is not satisfied with the outcome of their initial appeal, the student may choose to escalate their appeal. In this case, the student must submit their appeal to the Academic Dean, who will appoint an ad hoc faculty Grade Appeal Committee (“Committee”) comprised of three (3) faculty members who had no role in the determination of the student’s grade in question and if possible, have not taught the student.

The charge of the Committee is to determine if due diligence was followed and a reasonable course of action was taken by the director or faculty in denying the student’s appeal. The Committee shall proceed from the assumption that the course grade was justified and the burden of proof (that due diligence was not followed and/or a reasonable course of action was not taken) shall lie with the student.

The following guidelines will be followed:

- The Committee will meet either in person or via zoom to review the student’s grade appeal and any additional evidence the student submits to the Committee.
- The student will be given an opportunity to present their concerns and answer questions raised by members of the Committee. This may take place in person or by two-way video conferencing.
- The Committee may request to speak to the faculty member, and any other individual who may be knowledgeable or may have information to share with the Committee regarding the appeal.
- Each person will meet with the Committee on an individual basis.
- The Committee may consider relevant written reports, discussions with involved parties, examinations, papers, or other related documents.
- All decisions shall be made by majority vote.
- The meeting is academic in nature and non-adversarial. Student representation by an attorney or other counsel is not permitted.
- Audio recordings of the meeting are not permitted.

The Committee will issue a final decision to the Academic Dean within 30 business days of receiving the student’s appeal. The Academic Dean will inform the faculty and the student of the Committee’s decision.

The Committee’s decision is final.

## ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY AND ACTIVITIES

Students having academic difficulty of any sort, including deficiency in a single course, are advised to not participate in extracurricular activities or research that require a significant expenditure of time without discussing the matter with the Office of Student Affairs and obtaining approval for such activities.

## MAXIMUM TIME FRAME (SIX-YEAR RULE)

All requirements for the D.D.S. degree must be completed within six years of initial enrollment. This maximum time-frame includes leaves of absence for any circumstances – e.g., maternity, hospitalization, catastrophic leave – or time needed to prepare to take the boards (either the NBDE or, beginning in summer 2020, INDBE examination). This limitation is imposed partly because, over more extended periods, retention of material learned, and technical skills mastered, tends to decline.

Students will be dismissed from the College when/if the Office of Academic Affairs determines that it is no longer possible for them to complete the program within the prescribed time period. Appeals for exceptions from this regulation may be considered by the Dean on a case-by-case basis. **Please note:** Students who are permitted to exceed the maximum time-frame are still deemed not to be making adequate progress in the program, as defined in the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, and may not be eligible for financial aid.

The core objective of this policy, sometimes referred to as the “Six-Year Rule,” is to allow TCDM to be confident in each student’s command of the curriculum, in order to ensure the professionalism of its graduates.

## DISMISSAL

If a student’s academic performance does not meet the institutional requirement for continued enrollment, the student is subject to dismissal. A student may be subject to dismissal if:

- they have more than one failing grade at any time.
- they fail a course for the second time.
- they fail to meet the requirements of remediation.
- they demonstrate behavior that is inconsistent with the standards of professional values and behaviors expected.
- their performance, though passing, is borderline or marginal in several courses, if the SAPRC determines that the student does not meet the competency standards of the College.
- their academic record, though demonstrating passing performance, contains multiple deficiencies or failures with subsequent remediation, is subject to dismissal.

## REFERRALS

The SAPRC committee may require various types of materials to review and referrals, including medical and psychiatric evaluation, and may require written reports to be submitted directly to the committee or to the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. These records, evaluations, and reports are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and are held in strictest confidence. If a student refuses to undergo required evaluations or referrals, the student may be subject to dismissal.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A matriculated student enrolled at Touro who chooses to interrupt his/her attendance but intends to return and continue his/her study at Touro must submit to the Office of the Registrar a completed “Leave of Absence (LOA)” request form signed by all parties noted on the form. An LOA should be requested after the semester the student is in is completed and before the following semester starts. If extenuating circumstances arise, a student may request a leave of absence mid-semester and/or beyond one semester. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, a death in the family, medical reasons, military leave and personal well-being. Any LOA requested during the semester or for a period beyond one semester will be considered as a non-reportable LOA for purposes of administering federal financial aid.

PLEASE NOTE: This regulation may impact only students who wish to take leaves of absence extending beyond one semester. Therefore, students receiving Title IV financial aid funds must meet with a Financial Aid officer to discuss their situation before filing a “Leave of Absence” request form.

A student whose leave of absence is approved, and who is registered for courses at the point of approval, is automatically withdrawn from all courses. Tuition will be refunded in accordance with Touro’s published refund policy.

Students who are on leave must contact the Office of the Registrar and submit a Petition to Return to Classes form at least 30 days prior to the start of the semester in which they wish to resume their studies. To return from a medical Leave of Absence, the student must also submit evidence, such as a letter from the student’s physician or an evaluation by a responsible medical authority, that there is no medical impairment that would prevent the student from fully participating in all phases of the program.

## WITHDRAWALS

**(IMPORTANT: Also see “Policy for Withdrawing from All Classes”, under “Tuition Refund Schedule” above)**

A student may officially withdraw from a class only with the approval of the Dean or designee. Such approval is granted only for extraordinary circumstances. If approval is granted, the student receives one of the following grades: W (withdrawal) or WU (withdrawal unsatisfactory).

- Courses from which a student withdraws during the official add/drop period will not appear on the student's academic transcript.
- Withdrawals assigned after the add/drop period of a semester carry no academic penalty, and will be entered on the transcript as a 'W'.

Students should be aware that withdrawal from a class may result in a significant extension of the student's professional program.

### **Withdrawal from the University**

Students who wish to withdraw from their studies at Touro University in good standing should give official notification to the Dean and to the Office of the Registrar by completing a "Permanent Withdrawal" form. The date of the withdrawal is the date the official notification is received by the Office of the Registrar.

The decision to withdraw from the University is a serious matter. Any student who withdraws from the program is dropped from the rolls of the University. Students contemplating withdrawal are advised to discuss this issue with the Senior Director of Student Affairs. If a student decides to withdraw, information is available regarding transfer opportunities to other institutions as well as assistance in defining new occupational or career goals. Students considering withdrawal are subject to the policies governing withdrawal from courses. If a student decides at some later date to reapply to reenter the program, he/she must reapply for admission and, if accepted, the status of the returning student will be determined by the Dean.

Non-attendance, non-participation or notification to the instructor/course director does not constitute an official withdrawal. The Office of the Registrar is the only Designated Campus Official for all official withdrawals.

### **Withdrawal Procedures**

A student wishing to withdraw from Touro is required to meet with the Senior Director of Student Affairs or designee. The student must inform the Dean, in writing, of the decision to voluntarily withdraw and voluntarily relinquish his/her position in the program. An official withdrawal form is available from the Office of the Registrar. The official withdrawal form must be completed and sent to the Registrar's Office. The withdrawal process includes clearing financial obligations to Touro and completion of a financial aid exit interview. Following completion of these withdrawal procedures, the designation "Withdrawal" will be placed in the student's permanent records. The designation "Unofficial Withdrawal" is placed in the permanent record of any student who withdraws from his/her program without complying with the above procedures.

## **DEGREE WORKS**

DegreeWorks is a sophisticated and comprehensive academic advising, transfer articulation, and degree audit solution designed to help students monitor their academic progress toward degree

completion. DegreeWorks is a web-based tool that meets the needs of all end users, undergraduate and graduate students alike, to complete their programs in a timely fashion.

The benefits of DegreeWorks include:

- Helping you easily monitor your academic progress online 24/7.
- Presenting exactly what the degree/program requirements are up front with consistency and accuracy.
- Displaying the fastest and best path to graduation that exists for your degree and your interests.
- Complementing your relationship with the Advisor, by removing some administrative burdens and leaving more time for true advising and career counseling.
- If you are a transferring student, the DegreeWorks tool will allow you to see where your transferring credits can be applied earlier in the enrollment cycle.
- Allowing you to estimate the number of semesters it will take to graduate.
- Viewing your grades and GPA.
- DegreeWorks can be accessed through the TouroOne portal (by using TouroOne credentials) by following these steps:
  - Login to the TouroOne portal at <https://touroone.touro.edu/sso/login>
  - Go to the “Academic” tab.
  - Click on the “DegreeWorks” button on the bottom left-side of the academic section.

If you are having difficulty accessing DegreeWorks, please contact Touro’s HelpDesk at [help@touro.edu](mailto:help@touro.edu). If you have any questions, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact your advisor or the Registrar’s Office.

## **GRADUATION**

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A student will be recommended for the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery if the candidate satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. The student must have completed all course work, examinations, mandatory academic exercises, minimal clinical accomplishments and competency exams;
2. The student is not on Academic Probation, has completed all prescribed academic requirements achieving a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, has no outstanding grade that is incomplete.

3. The student has performed and behaved in a manner which is ethical, professional, and consistent with the practice of dental medicine
4. The student has complied with all of the financial requirements associated with matriculation at Touro College of Dental Medicine.

Completion of all requirements for the degree results in the eligibility of students for graduation.

## **GRADUATION APPLICATION**

Students must apply for graduation online and should contact the Office of the Registrar for information about application deadlines.

To apply for graduation online, students need to click the “Apply to Graduate” button under the “Academic” tab located on the TouroOne portal and follow the prompts.

**Participation in these ceremonies does not necessarily mean that a student has graduated. Graduation is certified officially by the Office of the Registrar only after auditing the student’s record for completion of all certificate or degree requirements.** PLEASE NOTE: Touro University’s official degree conferral dates normally do not correspond to the dates on which commencement exercises take place.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

### **Ordering official transcripts**

1. To order an official transcript via TouroOne, click “Academic” from the left side navigation menu. In the Official Transcript portlet, click “Order Official Transcript.” Alternatively, you can go directly to [www.touro.edu/getmytranscript](http://www.touro.edu/getmytranscript).
2. Students will be automatically prompted to register an account or to log into an existing account.
3. Students will need to enter either an electronic destination or physical shipping address.
4. For electronic transcripts student will need to select the program that they graduated from or attended. If you graduated from or attended multiple programs, you will need to place a separate electronic transcript order for each program.
5. For students waiting for a degree or grade(s) to be posted, there will be hold options to select at checkout. The order will not be processed until degree is awarded or grade(s) are posted.
6. Once an order is placed students will receive a confirmation email and order number. Students will also receive email once the order is processed and/or shipped.



## Processing

Electronic transcript orders will process and deliver to the recipient once order information is confirmed; in most cases this is automatic. If additional information is needed, the transcript unit will reach out to you. This may delay processing times. Paper transcript orders are processed and shipped in 5-7 business days.

## Transcript Fees

- Electronic transcript free of charge
- Official paper transcript \$10 per copy

## Shipping Fees

- USPS First Class free of charge, no tracking provided
- Fed-Ex domestic overnight shipping \$15, tracking provided
- Fed-Ex international shipping \$25, tracking provided

## Viewing and Printing Unofficial Transcripts

1. Log into your TouroOne account at <https://touroone.touro.edu/sso/login>.
2. Click on the “Academic” tab and click on “View Academic Transcript (Unofficial Transcript)” under the "My Records" portlet.
3. If you wish to print, right-click using your mouse then select print.

**If you do not have access to a computer and/or printer, you may log onto the website and print your report in any Touro University computer lab.**

## POST-GRADUATE PLACEMENT

Graduation from Touro College of Dental Medicine with a D.D.S. degree does not guarantee placement in a residency or licensure to practice dentistry. Each state sets its own licensure requirements. Obtaining a license in one state does not guarantee the ability to practice in another state. Although specifics vary, all states require:

1. Educational: TCDM is accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation and meets the educational requirements for licensure in all 50 states. Accordingly, graduates of the DDS program are eligible for licensure offered by any state. Acceptance into the DDS program is not a guarantee of licensure. Graduates must also meet other requirements and standards of any state licensing bodies.

2. **Written Examinations:** All licensing boards use the National Board Dental Examinations (NBDE) to satisfy a major portion of their written exam requirements. The NBDE examination is developed and administered by the ADA's Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. The actual exams are conducted through regional testing locations such as Prometric. Some states require additional written examinations.
3. **Clinical Licensure Exam:** Clinical exam requirements vary but most states accept result from one or more regional testing agencies (such as CDCA or WREB). Review the licensure laws and regulations from the individual state board websites for real-time information about which exams are accepted where licensure is sought. The clinical requirement in New York State is recognized only by completion of either an accredited PGY1 Residency or the full requirements of a specialty program.

## **NATIONAL BOARD DENTAL EXAMINATION (NBDE) REQUIREMENTS**

The Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) is administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. The American Dental Association recently revised the format and content of this exam to be a single exam known as the Integrated National Dental Board Examination (INDBE).

Passing the Integrated National Board Dental Examination is not required for graduation; successful completion of this exam is required for most state licensure and residency programs.

All students must be certified to take the examination by the Office of the Dean. Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible for approval to take the exam.

## RESIDENCY PROCESS

Students are encouraged to apply to a Post-Doctoral residency program and may use either the ADEA Post-Doctoral Application Support Services (PASS) or Post-Doctoral Dental Matching Program (MATCH) to do so. To obtain an Institutional Evaluation Form (IEF) or Dean's Letter, follow these guidelines:

**PASS Institutional Evaluation Form (IEF):** Students should submit their TCDM Request Form, along with their curriculum vitae and personal statement, to the Office of Student Affairs. The IEF Request should be submitted through the PASS portal. Select three TCDM faculty members – two clinical and one preclinical – to complete the Applicant Attribute form, which can be found on Canvas. The Office of Student Affairs will prepare and upload the IEF letter to ADEA PASS. You must submit all contact information (Name, mailing address, and e-mail address) on your TCDM Request Form and indicate any special handling requirements. This request may take up to 30 business days to process after submission of your completed application.

Follow the instructions on how to make an account and submit your application through the ADEA PASS portal by using this link. Follow the instructions below for your IEF.

All request for institutional letters must be sent to [IEFRequest@touro.edu](mailto:IEFRequest@touro.edu) in order for Dr. Myers to receive your request.

1. Submit your TCDM Request Form, along with your curriculum vitae and personal statement to [IEFRequest@touro.edu](mailto:IEFRequest@touro.edu).
2. Select three faculty (1 pre-clinical, CPL, and 1 clinical) to submit your Applicant Attributes Form.
3. If your program does not participate with the ADEA PASS program you must submit the address of the program director on your TCDM Request Form. This request will take up to 30 business days to process.
4. Once all information has been submitted, your IEF will be completed and submitted to the PASS portal or sent to the program directly.

**Professional Evaluations Form (PEF):** Submission of these forms is mandatory; each program indicates the number of evaluations they prefer on their program page. Use the [ADEA PASS Search Engine](#) to locate programs and find out about deadlines, requirements, and other important details.

## DENTAL MATCHING PROCESS

The Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program ("Dental Match") is a process designed to help applicants obtain positions in the postdoctoral dental education programs of their choice.

Introduced in 1985, "The Match" has operated successfully over the past 35 years, and expanded to include the following types of programs: Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), US General Practice Residency (GPR), Canadian General Practice Residency (GPR-CAN), Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS), Orthodontics (ORTHO), Pediatric Dentistry (PED), Periodontics (PERIO), Prosthodontics (PROS) and Dental Anesthesiology (ANES).

Applicants using the Match must still apply directly to programs they are interested in, and applicants and programs interview and evaluate each other independently. No offers are made by programs during the interview period. When programs and applicants have evaluated each other fully, programs decide on their preferences for applicants, and vice-versa.

After all interviews are completed, each applicant submits a Rank Order List on which the s/he lists program choices, in numerical order according to the applicant's preference (first choice, second choice, etc.). Similarly, each program submits a Rank Order List on which the program lists the desirable applicants, in order of the program's preference. Each program also indicates the number of positions the it has available. The Match then places individuals into positions using an algorithm that operates on the preferences stated in the Rank Order Lists.

Each applicant is placed with the most preferred program on his/her Rank Order List that (1) ranks the applicant and (2) does not fill all its positions with more preferred applicants. Similarly, each program is matched with the most preferred applicants on its list, up to the number of positions available, who (1) rank the program and who (2) do not receive positions at programs they prefer more.

Information about the rankings submitted by both programs and applicants is kept strictly confidential. Each applicant is given only the final result arrived at via the Match process. Likewise, each program is provided only with the final results, including the names of the applicants that have received positions.

It is possible that all of a particular program's positions will not be filled through the Match process and that, similarly, some applicants will be left unmatched. When the results of the Match are released, information regarding positions that remain available is provided to applicants who are not matched, and information regarding unmatched applicants is provided to programs with unfilled positions. These unmatched applicants and programs with positions available are free to contact each other and to negotiate directly with each other, independent of the Match, to fill available positions.

The [National Dental Match Timeline](#) gives a full schedule of process steps and their deadlines, and includes numerous links to other valuable information.

## UNIVERSITY CODES AND POLICIES

### TOURO UNIVERSITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to behave in a manner that is harmonious with and supportive of the activities and functions of an educational institution. The following types of actions are considered violations of the Touro University Code of Conduct and will result in disciplinary sanction:

1. Theft of, or damage to, University records and property, caused by intentional, negligent or irresponsible conduct;
2. Unauthorized use of any University property, including, but not limited to, its name, property, offices, premises, equipment (computer equipment, telephones, fax machines, copying equipment, laboratories and misuse of student ID cards);
3. Conduct which interferes with or obstructs any University functions or which physically obstructs or threatens to obstruct or restrain members of the University community;
4. The physical or sexual abuse or harassment of any member of the University community (such incidents must also be reported to the Title IX coordinator);
5. Threatening or actual infliction of bodily injury, assault, emotional trauma against students, faculty or staff of the University (such incidents must also be reported to the Chief Security Officer);
6. Disorderly, disruptive or abusive conduct in the classroom or on University premises;
7. Refusal to follow the directives of University officials acting in performance of their duties;
8. Impersonating University faculty, University officials, or University staff;
9. Forging signatures or other information on registration forms, financial aid forms or any other University documents;
10. Computer abuse, including possession of unauthorized passwords, plagiarism of programs, unauthorized destruction of files, misuse of computer accounts and disruptive or annoying behavior on the University's computer system;
11. Unauthorized sale, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University premises;
12. Distribution, purchase or possession of barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana, hallucinogens, opiates, or any other addictive or illegal drugs or paraphernalia on University premises;
13. Gambling in any form on University premises;

14. Possession, distribution or sale of weapons, incendiary devices, or explosives on University premises;
15. Tampering with or misusing fire-fighting equipment and/or safety equipment (such as alarm-boxes and extinguishers);
16. Participation in or furtherance of any illegal activity on Touro's premises;
17. Offensive or derogatory written or verbal statements intended to inflict harm on members of the University community, including, without limitation, racist, ethnic, or sexist remarks or references regarding any member or group of the University community;
18. Any abusive conduct or harassment directed at an individual or group of individuals in the University community on the basis of the actual or perceived race, gender, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or citizenship status of such person(s);
19. Refusal to identify oneself to an official or security officer of the University or to present proper identification upon entering the University premises;
20. Actions that are not harmonious with and supportive of the activities and functions of an educational institution; actions that harm the reputation of the University;
21. Aiding or abetting any conduct prohibited by this University Code;
22. Conviction of a felony crime while enrolled at the University;
23. Intentionally filing a false complaint under this University Code of Conduct;
24. Academic dishonesty and lack of academic integrity.

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Touro University policies apply to students' online conduct. University staff members do not "police" online social networks and the University is firmly committed to the principle of free speech. However, when the University receives a report of inappropriate online conduct it is obligated to investigate. This is true even when a student posts to a personal social media account using their own phone or computer while off-campus or during a break. The University has the right to discipline students for misconduct or lack of professionalism wherever it occurs, including online.

Individuals who violate any of the provisions of the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of Touro University. Student organizations violating the above regulations may be penalized by having their charter revoked. Furthermore, disciplinary sanctions may also be imposed against the officers and members of student organizations at the discretion of Touro University.

## ADJUDICATION OF UNIVERSITY CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

[Please note that there is a separate adjudication process for academic integrity violations (#24 in the Code of Conduct) in the section on Academic Integrity below entitled “Procedures in Response to Violations of Academic Integrity” p. 96]

Any member of the University Community may notify the Senior Director of Student Affairs or his/her designated representatives of a Code of Conduct infraction by submitting a written statement describing the alleged infraction to the Office of the Student Affairs within ten (10) school days of the alleged violation or within ten (10) school days from the time the charging individual learned of the alleged code violation, but no later than within three (3) months of the violation.

The Senior Director of Student Affairs, or one of his/her designated representatives, shall inform the individual charged with the infraction, in writing, of the nature of the charges against him/her and designate a time and place for a meeting in the Office of the Student Affairs.

After meeting with the individual charged with the infraction, the Senior Director of Student Affairs or his/her designated representatives (individuals or committee) will conduct a preliminary investigation of the charges and determine what course of disciplinary action is appropriate. The Senior Director of Student Affairs and/or his/her designated representatives (individuals or committee) can:

- bring the parties together for informal mediation;
- impose any of the disciplinary sanctions listed in the section entitled “Sanctions,” except that the Senior Director of Student Affairs (and/or his/her representatives) cannot require payment of restitution or order expulsion;
- refer the charges to the Student Affairs Committee for a disciplinary hearing;
- dismiss the charges.

## DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

The Senior Director of Student Affairs may institute disciplinary proceedings by referring a matter to a Student Affairs Committee within fourteen (14) school days of notification of the alleged infraction. Once referred to the Student Affairs Committee a hearing must be commenced within twenty-one (21) school days unless a disciplinary hearing date is adjourned for good cause. Once a disciplinary hearing is commenced it must be completed within ten (10) school days.

### Sanctions

After a hearing, the Student Affairs Committee may take one or more of the following actions:

1. **Dismiss the Charges:** After reviewing all relevant information, evidence and record materials, the Student Affairs Committee may decide to dismiss the charges against the student.

2. **Impose disciplinary sanctions**, which include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. **Warning:** A written reprimand putting the student on notice that he/she has violated the Code of Conduct and indicating that further misconduct may result in a more severe disciplinary action. A copy of this warning will be placed in the student's file.
  - b. **Disciplinary Probation:** A student may be placed on disciplinary probation for a definite period of time. While on probation, students may not hold office in Student Government Organizations, Clubs or Societies or represent the University in any capacity. Further violations while on probationary status will result in suspension or expulsion from the University. A copy of the probation notice becomes a part of the student's file.
  - c. **Counseling and Treatment:** A student's continued enrollment at Touro University may be conditioned on his/her participation in counseling or treatment at outside counseling and treatment agencies. A student's failure to participate in such a program after being advised that his/her enrollment is conditioned on participation may result in other disciplinary sanctions.
  - d. **Restitution:** A student may be required to pay restitution to the University or to fellow students for damages and losses resulting from his/her action.
  - e. **Suspension:** A student may be suspended and may be barred from attending classes for a definite period, not to exceed two years. Notification of the suspension will appear on the student's academic transcript and will remain until the end of the suspension period. A notification of the suspension will remain in the student's file. A student may not be automatically re-enrolled at the end of his/her suspension and he/she must apply to the Student Affairs Committee for reenrollment.
  - f. **Expulsion:** This is termination of the student's enrolled status at the University. A student who has been expelled from the University is not permitted to complete his/her courses and may not re-register for a future semester. Notification of the expulsion will appear on the student's academic transcript.
3. **Impose Additional Sanctions:** The Student Affairs Committee may impose the following sanctions in addition to those listed above:
  - a. A **fine** to be paid to the University, in addition to restitution.
  - b. **Service to the University Community** for a designated number of hours. The required service cannot interfere with the individual's course schedule.
4. **Legal Action:** In addition to imposing the disciplinary sanctions outlined above, the Student Affairs Committee may recommend that students be turned over to law enforcement authorities for legal action. The final decision on referring student cases to the authorities is made by the Office of the President.
5. **Other Sanctions:** The Student Affairs Committee may impose other sanctions that it deems appropriate and fair.



## APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS IMPOSED FOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Any disciplinary action taken by the Senior Director of Student Affairs or his/her representatives for a violation of the Code of Conduct may be appealed by filing a written appeal with the Student Affairs Committee within ten (10) school days. The Student Affairs Committee will set a date for a hearing within fourteen (14) school days of receipt of the student's written appeal. The Student Affairs Committee may overturn the decision of the Senior Director of Student Affairs only if it was clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious. The burden of proof is on the student to demonstrate that the decision of the Senior Director of Student Affairs was clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious.

The Student Affairs Committee will respond to the appealing individual, in writing, within thirty (30) school days of receipt of the written appeal.

In cases in which the disciplinary sanction was initially imposed by the Student Affairs Committee, the student may file a written appeal with the Senior Director of Student Affairs within ten (10) school days of the committee's decision. The Senior Director of Student Affairs shall appoint a Special Appeals Panel consisting of the Academic Dean (or his/her representative), three full-time faculty members, and a Student Affairs staffer, to hear the student's appeal. This hearing must be scheduled within fourteen (14) school days of the receipt of the student's written appeal. The Special Appeals Panel may overturn the decision of the Student Affairs Committee only if it determines that the committee's action was clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious.

### Protocols for Disciplinary Hearings

Hearings conducted by committees designated as representatives of the Senior Director of Student Affairs, the Student Affairs Committee, and the Special Appeals Panel will be governed by the following protocols:

- a. All hearings are closed to the public.
- b. A quorum of the committee membership, defined as 51% of the total membership, must be present, either in-person or via video-conferencing.
- c. Students are prohibited from having attorneys present or representing them at any hearings.
- d. Students have the right to bring witnesses on their behalf, to present any evidence they deem relevant, to make opening and closing statements and to ask questions during the proceedings.
- e. The preponderance-of-evidence rule will govern the decision-making process.
- f. Decision will be made by a majority of participating members.
- g. The committee deliberations will be *in camera*.

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

Academic integrity is essential in any educational endeavor and it is expected at all times from both students and faculty. By accepting admission to dental school, a student commits to the ideals and ethics in conduct of the profession of dentistry. Among other things, these include a commitment to put the interests of patients before one's own interests. Honesty and integrity in all interactions with colleagues and teachers, as well as with patients and their families, are additional essential professional attributes.

Below is a description of the Academic Integrity Policy. For the complete policy, please visit: <http://www.touro.edu/students/policies/academic-integrity/>

### **STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Touro University is a community of scholars and learners committed to maintaining the highest standards of personal integrity in all aspects of our professional and academic lives. Because intellectual integrity is a hallmark of ethical, scholarly, and scientific inquiry as well as a core value of the Jewish tradition, students and faculty are expected to share a mutual respect for teaching, learning and the development of knowledge. They are expected to adhere to the highest standards of honesty, fairness, and professional conduct in their academic work and respect for all community members.

Academic dishonesty undermines our shared intellectual culture and our ability to trust one another. Faculty and administration bear a major responsibility for promoting a climate of integrity, both in the clarity with which they state their expectations and in the vigilance with which they monitor students. Students must avoid all acts of dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating on examinations, fabricating, tampering, lying, plagiarizing, and utilizing AI tools without acknowledgment of such, as well as facilitating or tolerating the dishonesty of others. Academic dishonesty lowers scholastic quality and defrauds those who will eventually depend on the knowledge and integrity of our graduates. Furthermore, it misrepresents student efforts and mastery of course material both absolutely, and relative to others in their courses.

Touro University views violations of academic integrity with the utmost gravity. Such violations will lead to appropriate sanctions, up to and including expulsion from the university community. We commit ourselves to the shared vision of academic excellence that can only flourish in a climate of integrity.

The Touro University policy on academic integrity, which is outlined in this document, is designed to guide students as they prepare assignments, take exams, and perform work necessary to complete their degree requirements, and to provide a framework for faculty in fostering an intellectual environment based on the principles of academic integrity. It is presented here in order to educate the faculty on the parameters of and the enforcement of the policy.

The International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI), of which Touro University is a member, lists six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage, to allow institutional scholarship to flourish with integrity. To sustain these values, Touro University's Academic Integrity Policy, requires that a student or researcher:

- Properly acknowledge and cite all use of the ideas, results, or words of others, including the use of AI tools and other emerging technologies;
- Properly acknowledge all contributors to a given piece of work;
- Make sure that all work submitted as their own in a course or other academic activity is produced without the aid of unsanctioned materials or unsanctioned collaboration;
- Treat all other students in an ethical manner, respecting their integrity and right to pursue their educational goals without interference. This requires that a student neither facilitate academic dishonesty by others nor obstruct their academic progress.

Adherence to these principles is necessary to ensure that:

- Everyone is given proper credit for their own ideas, words, results, and other scholarly accomplishments;
- All student work is fairly evaluated and no student has an inappropriate advantage over others;
- The academic and ethical development of all students are fostered;
- The reputation of the University for integrity in its teaching, research, and scholarship is maintained and enhanced.

Failure to uphold the principles of academic integrity threatens not only the reputation of Touro, but also the value of each and every degree awarded by the institution. All members of the Touro community bear a shared responsibility for ensuring that the highest standards of academic integrity are upheld.

Touro University works with faculty and students to promote an institutional culture of academic integrity, provides effective training that creates a commitment to academic integrity, and establishes clear procedures to deal with allegations of violations of academic integrity and monitoring the adherence thereto.

### **VIOLATIONS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

The following are considered to be violations of academic integrity and are prohibited by the Touro University System. Students, faculty, and other members of the Touro community who commit one of the offenses listed below, or similar such offenses, or those who assist in the commission of such offenses, may be subject to sanctions (i.e. classed as A, B, or C, as described below in the section "Procedures in Response to Violations of Academic Integrity").

## PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is defined as the unauthorized use of the writings, ideas and/or computer-generated material of others without appropriate acknowledgement, and the representation of them as one's own original work. It also includes the unauthorized use of computer-generated material via artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies without appropriate acknowledgement and the representation of them as one's own original work. Plagiarism encompasses acts of inadvertent failure to acknowledge sources, as well as improper attribution due to poor citation.

When using ideas/words from other sources, the student must clearly define the sources using standard methods of citation. Plagiarism can occur even when one does not use the exact words of another author. Paraphrasing written material by changing or rearranging words without the proper attribution is still considered plagiarism (even if it eludes identification by plagiarism detection software). It is therefore critically important that students understand how to cite. If students have any questions about the proper use and citation of material from other sources, they should seek help from their professors.

## INTENTIONAL PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism takes many forms. **Flagrant forms**, or **intentional plagiarism**, include, but are not limited to:

- Purchasing a paper;
- Commissioning another to draft a paper on one's behalf;
- Intentionally copying a paper regardless of the source and whether or not that paper has been published;
- Copying or cutting and pasting portions of others' work (whether a unique phrase, sentence, paragraph, chart, picture, figure, method or approach, experimental results, statistics, etc.) without attribution;
- Using computer-generated material via artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies without attribution;
- In the case of clinical documentation, copying clinical notes/materials without personally performing the patient examination.

Plagiarized sources may include, but are not limited to, print material, digital and media resources including social media and blogs, as well as assignments completed by other students at Touro University System and elsewhere. A more subtle, but equally flagrant, form is paraphrasing or attempting to put in one's own words the theories, opinions or ideas of another without proper citation.

Additionally, students may not reuse their own previous work without appropriate citation. This is a form of plagiarism called self-plagiarism and may mislead the reader or grader into the erroneous belief that the current submission is new work to satisfy an assignment.

If students are unsure as to whether a fact or idea is common knowledge, they should consult their instructor or librarian, or else provide appropriate citations.

### ***Unintentional Plagiarism***

Plagiarism is not only the failure to cite, but the failure to cite sources properly. If a source is cited but in an inadequate way, the student may still be guilty of unintentional plagiarism. It is therefore crucial that students understand the correct way to cite. The rules are relatively simple:

- For exact words, use quotation marks or a block indentation, with the citation.
- For a summary or paraphrase, indicate exactly where the source begins and exactly where it ends.

In its policies and disciplinary procedures, the Touro University System will seek to recognize and differentiate between intentional plagiarism, as defined above, and failure to cite sources properly (unintentional plagiarism). While both forms are violations of the Academic Integrity Policy, a student's first instance of unintentional plagiarism may only be penalized with a Class C sanction (see sanctions below).

## **CHEATING ON EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER CLASS/FIELDWORK ASSIGNMENTS**

Cheating is defined as improperly obtaining and/or using unauthorized information or materials to gain an advantage on work submitted for evaluation. Providing or receiving assistance unauthorized by the instructor is also considered cheating.

Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- Giving or receiving unauthorized assistance to or from another person on quizzes, examinations, or assignments;
- Using another learner's audience response device/i-clicker;
- Using materials, devices, or tools not specifically authorized during any form of a test or examination;
- Exceeding the restrictions put in place for "take home" examinations, such as unauthorized use of library sources or internet sources, unauthorized use of computer-generated material via artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies, or unauthorized collaboration on answers;
- Sitting in for someone else or permitting someone to sit in for a student on any form of test or examination;
- Working on any form of test or examination beyond the allotted time, which includes any extra time resulting from a documented accommodation (unless the instructor provides explicit permission);
- Hiding, stealing or destroying materials needed by other students;

- Altering and resubmitting for re-grading any assignment, test or examination without the express written consent of the instructor;
- Copying from another individual's examination or providing information to another student during an examination;
- Soliciting, obtaining, possessing or providing to another person an examination prior to the administration of the examination.
- Bringing into the examination room notes in any format and paper, electronics or writings, drawings, etc. that could be used to aid in taking a closed notes/book exam

Examples of unauthorized assistance include:

- Giving or receiving assistance or information in any manner, including person-to-person, notes, text messages, or e-mails, during an examination or in the preparation of other assignments without the authorization of the instructor;
- Receiving assistance via artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies without the authorization of the instructor;
- Using crib sheets or unauthorized notes (unless the instructor provides explicit permission);
- Copying from another individual's exam.

Failure to comply with any and all Touro University System test procedures will be considered a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy.

## **RESEARCH MISCONDUCT**

The integrity of the scientific enterprise requires adherence to the highest ethical standards in the conduct of research and research training. Therefore, students and other trainees conducting research are bound by the same ethical guidelines that apply to faculty investigators, based on the Public Health Service regulations dated May 17, 2005. Research misconduct is defined in the USPHS Policy as “fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.”

These terms are defined as follows:

- fabrication* - making up data or results and recording or reporting them;
- falsification* - manipulating research materials, equipment or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record;
- plagiarism* - the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.

Research misconduct does not include honest error or honest differences of opinion.

Touro's Research Misconduct Policy can be found: <https://www.nymc.edu/media/schools-and-colleges/nymc/pdf/policies/PoliciesandProceduresforRespondingtoAllegationsofResearchMisconduct.final6.15.23.pdf>

## **OTHER UNETHICAL CONDUCT**

### ***Misleading or Fraudulent Behavior***

Misleading or fraudulent behavior, put simply, is lying, and includes acts contributing to or associated with lying. It takes on any form of fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Reporting false information to gain an advantage;
- Omitting information or data resulting in misrepresenting or distorting findings or conclusions;
- Providing false information to explain lateness or to be excused from an assignment, class or clerkship function;
- Signing in another person's name on any attendance sheet/roster representing them as present when they are not;
- Falsely accusing another of misbehavior, or otherwise misrepresenting information about another;
- Providing false information about oneself, such as on an application or as part of some competition;
- Taking credit for accomplishments achieved by another person or computer-generated material via artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies;
- Omitting relevant information about oneself.

### ***Tampering***

Tampering is the unauthorized removal or alteration of college/university documents (e.g., library resources, official institutional forms, correspondence), software, equipment, or other academic-related materials, including other students' work. It should be noted that tampering as a form of cheating may also be classified as criminal activity and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Intentionally sabotaging another student's work;
- Altering a student's academic transcript, letter of recommendation, or some other official college document;
- Electronically changing another student's or colleague's files, data, assignments, or reports.

## ***Copyright Violations***

Academic integrity prohibits the making of unauthorized copies of copyrighted material, including software and any other non-print media. Individuals, under the legal doctrine of “fair use,” may make a copy of an article or copy small sections of a book for personal use, or may use an image to help teach a concept. Examples of copyright violations include:

- Making or distributing copies of a copyrighted article for a group (on paper or electronically);
- Disseminating an image or video of an artist’s work without permission, including those found on the internet;
- Copying large sections of a book.

The “fair use doctrine” regarding use of copyrighted materials can be found at the following link: <https://www.copyright.gov/fair-use>. Also see the library’s guide on frequently asked copyright questions: <https://libguides.tourolib.org/copyright/faqs>.

Please contact your campus librarian to get copyright clearance for required reading materials.

## **SANCTIONS**

The following sanctions may be imposed for violation of this Policy. Informal resolution of violations can be accompanied by Class C sanctions only. Formal resolution can be accompanied by any combination of sanctions from Class A, B, and C. Except in the case of a student’s expulsion or dismissal, any student found to have violated this Policy is required to take additional ethics tutorials intended to assist student to avoid future misconduct. (Academic Integrity Plagiarism Tutorial, <https://libguides.tourolib.org/AI>, for an overview on how to avoid plagiarism. Scroll down the page for the link to the Touro University Academic Integrity Test, <https://libguides.tourolib.org/research-101> that will go to the instructor’s email.)

### Class A Sanctions:

- Expulsion/dismissal
- Revocation of awarded degree in the event that the violation is identified after graduation

### Class B Sanctions:

- Suspension (up to twenty-four months)
- Indication of the violation in a letter of reprimand, in reference letters, licensure and regulatory forms, etc.
- Notification of the violation to the other schools within Touro University
- Indication of ‘disciplinary action for academic integrity violation’ on the permanent transcript



Class C Sanctions:

- Placement on Academic Probation
- Failure in the course, with consequences as determined by the individual program’s rules and regulations
- Reduction of the grade for a particular submitted piece of work, segment of work required for a course/clerkship, or the entire course/clerkship with or without the option of redoing the work or the course/clerkship
- Requiring the student to redo the assignment or to do an alternative assignment, which may include a grade reduction

## **PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

This Touro University System Academic Integrity Policy applies to all Touro students. Any act in violation of this Policy or any allegation of misconduct related to this Policy involving a student must be reported and addressed in accordance with the adjudication procedures outlined below or those of the student’s school, which may not be less stringent than the requirements and standards set forth in this Policy.

The Dean of each school or the Provost shall designate a member of the school’s administration as Chief Academic Integrity Officer (herein referred to as the “CAI Officer”) to oversee the adjudication of violations and to maintain appropriate documentation. The CAI Officer of each school will maintain written records of all violations and resolutions, both informal and formal. The CAI Officer must be an assistant dean or higher, or another appropriate responsible individual approved by the Provost or Vice President of the Undergraduate Division for schools in that Division.

Each school shall designate a Committee that will adjudicate violations of academic integrity via a formal Hearing process.

The Provost or Vice President shall designate a Dean responsible for hearing formal resolution appeals (herein referred to as the “Appeals Dean”). The CAI Officer and the Appeals Dean cannot be the same individual.

## **REPORTING A CASE OF SUSPECTED PLAGIARISM OR CHEATING**

Due to the organizational and administrative differences among schools and programs, each school can determine its own reporting sequence from faculty member to CAI Officer.

Depending on the school or program, faculty or students may report an alleged incident to:

Department Chair, Department Deputy Chair, Program Chair, Sequence Chair, Program Director, Department Director, Academic Dean, Preclinical Dean, Dean, or CAI Officer directly.

Each school and program should make its reporting sequence known to its constituencies.

For the sake of clarity, the faculty member's supervisor will be referred to as "Chair" in the paragraphs that follow.

Faculty members, students, or other members of the Touro community who encounter suspected academic integrity violations should contact the relevant "Chair". The "Chair" will consult with the faculty member, and if a violation is identified, the faculty member will inform the student. The "Chair" will also report all suspected violations in writing (using the [\*Academic Integrity Violation Reporting Form\*](#)) to the CAI Officer, who will advise the "Chair" on whether to pursue an informal or a formal resolution. For first-time suspected violations, CAI Officers and faculty are strongly encouraged to seek an informal resolution with the student. No permanent grade may be entered onto the student's record for the course in question before the issue is resolved.

If an instructor strongly suspects cheating during an exam, the instructor should stop the student's exam and collect all evidence of cheating. The incident should be immediately reported to the "Chair", who will investigate and report in writing to the CAI officer.

## **RESOLUTION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY VIOLATIONS**

Incidents of academic integrity violations are reported to the department Chair, and a report by the Chair is submitted to the CAI Officer. The method of resolution of the violation may be either informal or formal. Students who are found to have violated the Touro University System's Standards of Academic Integrity are subject to the sanctions listed above.

Should a student action be of such a serious nature that it is felt that he/she may be considered a danger in a clinical setting, the CAI Officer or the Chair may remove such a student from a clinical assignment, not to exceed fourteen (14) days pending the outcome of a formal resolution. A student shall not be removed from a didactic course while an allegation of an academic integrity violation is ongoing. It is the responsibility of the student to work with their program to make up any time missed from clinical assignments.

## **INFORMAL RESOLUTION**

After consulting with the Chair and the CAI Officer (as per "Reporting a Case of Suspected Plagiarism or Cheating"), the faculty member may attempt to resolve the issue informally with the student. Once an informal resolution is agreed to between the faculty member and the student, the faculty member must present such resolution to the department Chair for approval. The faculty member, in consultation with the Chair, may impose any range of Class C sanctions, but must include requiring the student to take additional ethics tutorials intended to assist that student to avoid future misconduct. Once accepted by the student, the informal resolution is binding on both the student and faculty member, and cannot be appealed by the student.

If the student is found to have committed an academic integrity violation, the outcome of the informal resolution should be reported in writing by the Chair to the CAI Officer, who will

maintain the record for the duration of the student's academic career. NOTE: Some Touro schools may be required to report the violation to outside licensing agencies.

The informal resolution process is not available to individuals who have previously committed an academic integrity violation.

## **FORMAL RESOLUTION**

In the event that (1) the accused student denies the charge, (2) the student and faculty member do not agree to informal resolution, (3) the student has been previously found guilty of a similar infraction, or (4) for any other reason for which informal resolution is not appropriate as determined by the CAI Officer, then the matter shall be submitted for formal resolution.

To institute formal resolution, the following procedures shall be followed:

- The Chief Academic Integrity Officer receives a written statement from the instructor, proctor, student, or any other complainant, as the case may be.
- The written statement must include the name of the involved student(s), the name and position of the reporting person, and the nature of the alleged act.
- The CAI Officer shall arrange a hearing which, generally speaking, should take place no earlier than five (5) calendar days and no later than twenty (20) calendar days after notification that informal resolution was unsuccessful or not pursued.
- The hearing shall take place before the designated Committee on Academic Integrity of the School. If the hearing involves a student in a dual-degree or joint-degree program, then the Hearing Committee should have representatives from both programs.
- The Committee shall receive the written statement, and any documents submitted by the student or reporting person.
- All persons involved in a hearing shall be given notice of all hearing dates, times and places. Such notice, which will be sent by e-mail will be given at least two (2) business days prior to any hearing, unless waived by the parties involved.
- Postponements of Committee hearings may be made at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Either party may be granted a postponement only if pertinent information or interested parties cannot, for good cause, be present at the appointed time. Any postponement may not extend beyond a one-month period and any delay may affect the student's ability to progress in the program.
- The accused student and the accuser will be afforded the following opportunities:
  - To review, but not copy, all pertinent information to be presented to the Committee. The length of time for review shall be reasonable, as determined by the Committee Chair.
  - To present fully all aspects of the issue before the Committee.

Committee Hearings will proceed under the following guidelines:

- All Committee hearings and meetings are closed to the public.
- The Committee may hear the student, the faculty member or proctor, and any other individual who may be knowledgeable or may have information to share with the Committee regarding the suspected offense. Each person will meet with the Committee on an individual basis.
- The Committee may consider relevant written reports, discussions with involved parties, examinations, videos, papers, screen shots, social media posts, or other related documents.
- The Committee must be comprised of a minimum of three people, who must be present either in person or via video-conference, and may not be the faculty member of the course in question.
- All decisions shall be made by majority vote.
- The student has the right to appear before the Committee, in person or via video conference, in order to present his/her case, but, after proper notice of a hearing, the Committee may proceed, notwithstanding the student's absence.
- The hearing is academic in nature and non-adversarial. Student representation by an attorney or other representative at the hearing is not permitted. However, the student may bring a support person to accompany them and be present in an anteroom, put not participate, in the hearing.
- Audio recordings of the hearing are not permitted and transcripts are not required.
- All information supporting the charges made against a student shall be presented first. Following this presentation, the student who has been accused of a violation will present his/her side of the matter by submitting to the Committee information that he/she chooses to submit to support their stance or position. The CAI Officer, his or her designee, Office of Institutional Compliance or other members of the faculty and Administration may also meaningfully participate in this information exchange. Pursuant to the Touro University Code of Conduct, the student is expected to conduct themselves harmoniously so as not to obstruct the investigation or proceedings.
- The student, his/her accuser, the Committee, and/or Touro University System's representatives may raise questions about the information under review so that all aspects of the case are clarified.

The Committee shall reach a decision using the following guidelines:

- The Committee will meet in closed session to reach a decision, including recommended sanctions, if applicable. Such meeting shall generally be held immediately after the hearing or within one Touro business day (a Jewish Day of Observance as delineated on the Touro calendar does not count as a business day).

- If the Committee seeks additional information following commencement of its deliberations, it will notify the parties within two (2) Touro business days, and reconvene the hearing within five (5) Touro business days of the conclusion of the original hearing. The Committee's final decision must then be made.
- The Committee may impose a range of Class A, B, or C sanctions.

The Committee's decision must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and will be the final disposition of the issues involved, including sanctions. The decision of the Committee will be presented in writing to the CAI Officer, the student, and the Chair. The Committee's letter will contain the following elements: Charge; Hearing Date; Findings; List of Sanctions; and the Right to Appeal and to whom. In the event the case involved a student in a dual-degree or joint-degree program, the CAI Officer of each relevant school should be informed of the decision

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

- Following a Formal Resolution Hearing and notification of the Committee decision, either party may appeal the decision. An appeal may only be granted on the basis of: 1) evidence of bias of one or more of the members of the Committee; 2) new material documenting information that was not available at the time of the decision; 3) procedural error.
- The appellant has three (3) business days within which to submit a formal written appeal of the decision to the Appeals Dean for the School. The appeal should be accompanied by the Hearing Committee's letter and by a narrative explaining the basis for the appeal. The narrative should fully explain the appellant's position and substantiate the reason(s) for their appeal.
- The Appeals Dean may request to meet with the appellant.
- After consideration of the Appeal, the Appeals Dean may accept, reject or modify the Committee's decision, and will notify the student in writing of the decision.
- The Appeals Dean, when notifying the student of the decision, shall inform the student of his/her right to appeal an adverse decision to the Chief Academic Officer.

A copy of the Appeals Dean's final decision will be transmitted to the CAI Officer and the Chair.

A student has three (3) business days from receipt of written notification to submit a formal written appeal of the decision, that is discretionary in nature, to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) (i.e., Provost) or his/her designee. In the event the CAO decides to consider the matter, the CAO may only sustain the appeal on the basis of one of the following:

- Evidence of bias of one or more of the members of the Committee or of the Appeals Dean.
- New material documenting information that was not available to the Committee or the Appeals Dean at the time of the initial decision.
- Procedural error.

The CAO may, at his/her discretion, conduct interviews and review materials. The CAO will notify the student, the CAI Officer, and the Appeals Dean in writing of the appeal decision. The decision of the CAO shall be final.

**NOTE:** The complete Touro University Academic Integrity Policy can be found at [www.touro.edu/students/policies/academic-integrity/](http://www.touro.edu/students/policies/academic-integrity/).

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

For purposes of this policy, “Dispute” means all legal and equitable claims, demands, and controversies, of whatever nature or kind, whether in contract, tort, under statute or regulation, or some other law or theory; the application, potential enrollment, enrollment, matriculation, continued enrollment and matriculation, and graduation (or denial thereof), suspension, dismissal, expulsion, separation or any other academic, disciplinary or other action or termination of such student by Touro; any other matter related to or concerning the relationship between the student and Touro including, by way of example and without limitation, allegations of: discrimination or harassment based on race, religion, national origin, age, veteran status or disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, retaliation, defamation, infliction of emotional distress, violation of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, New York State Human Rights Law, New York City Human Rights Law, or any other federal, state or local civil, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, Title VI or Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, as well as any other law related to students, not-for-profits and higher educational institutions. Disputes do not include collections actions of tuition or other fees payable by the student and owed to Touro University.

Touro’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) policy was created with the intention of providing a program for the quick, fair and accessible resolution of Disputes between Touro, and Touro’s current and former students (as well as applicants) related to or arising out of a current, former or potential academic relationship with Touro. The policy provides the exclusive mechanism for the final and binding resolution of all Disputes that cannot otherwise be resolved internally through the academic and disciplinary methods described elsewhere in this handbook.

A student’s acceptance, registration, enrollment, matriculation and/or petition for graduation and matriculation at Touro acts as his or her consideration and consent to these terms.

All Disputes (as defined below) between Touro, on the one hand, and any current or former student or applicant on the other, which cannot be resolved internally, shall first be submitted to non-binding mediation (the “Mandatory Mediation”). The Mandatory Mediation shall be conducted by a neutral mediator selected at Touro’s sole discretion. Touro shall be responsible for paying 50% of the costs associated with the Mandatory Mediation. The student shall be responsible for

paying 50% of the costs associated with the Mandatory Mediation. Touro and the student shall each be responsible for paying their own respective attorney's fees (if any) incurred in conjunction with the Mandatory Mediation.

If upon completion of the Mandatory Mediation all or any part of the Dispute is still unresolved, the remaining Dispute shall proceed to binding arbitration (the "Mandatory Arbitration"), as described below.

In accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act and to the extent not inconsistent with the primacy of federal law, all Disputes remaining after completion of the Mandatory Mediation shall be exclusively conducted and heard by a single arbitrator, affiliated with JAMS or another reputable ADR organization, who shall be an attorney or judge. The arbitrator and location of the Mandatory Arbitration shall be selected at Touro's sole discretion. Touro shall be responsible for paying 50% of the costs associated with the Mandatory Arbitration. The student shall be responsible for paying 50% of the costs associated with the Mandatory Arbitration. Touro and the student shall each be responsible for paying their own respective attorney's fees (if any) incurred in conjunction with the Mandatory Arbitration. The results of the Mandatory Arbitration shall be binding and final.

The Mandatory Mediation and Mandatory Arbitration of any claims by a student or applicant as part of a Dispute shall be limited to his or her individual claims. The student or applicant shall not assert, prosecute, or obtain relief on, and expressly waives, any and all class, collective or representative claims which purport to seek relief on behalf of other persons. Any judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and non-appealable, and may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

If any provision of this ADR policy is determined by any arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, said provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to render it valid and enforceable, or if modification is not possible, the provision shall be severed from the policy, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purpose and intent of the policy.

For the avoidance of doubt, this policy prohibits a student or applicant from filing or prosecuting any Dispute through a civil action in court before a judge or jury involving any Dispute. The student's acceptance, registration, enrollment, matriculation and/or petition for graduation and matriculation at Touro acts as a knowing and voluntary waiver by the student of the student's right to seek judicial relief in any manner inconsistent with this policy.

### **ADR Procedures**

To initiate ADR, the student or applicant must send a written demand for ADR to the Office of Institutional Compliance ("OIC"). The demand shall set forth a statement of the facts relating to the Dispute, including any alleged act(s) or omission(s) at issue; the names of all person(s) involved in the Dispute; the amount in controversy, if any; and the remedy sought. The demand must be received by the OIC within the time period prescribed by the earlier of Touro policy or

the statute of limitations applicable to the claims(s) alleged in the demand. If a student or applicant fails to file a request for ADR with Touro within the required time frame, the Dispute will be conclusively resolved against the student or applicant without any right to appeal same.

Within thirty (30) days of receiving such demand, or as soon as possible thereafter, if Touro and the student/applicant are unable to resolve the Dispute informally, the Student shall indicate his/her desire to proceed to the Mandatory Mediation. As described above, to the extent any Dispute remains thereafter, the Dispute shall proceed to the Mandatory Arbitration.

## **FAILURE-TO-EDUCATE AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

The payment of tuition entitles a student to register and matriculate in the courses and programs available and offered by Touro University. In order for a degree to be earned, passing grades must be achieved and any other prerequisites required by the school and program must be fulfilled. While students expend significant sums associated with higher education, successful completion of a course, program, or degree is dependent on many factors, Touro University makes absolutely no assurances or representations of guaranteed success, merely that it will provide students with the tools needed to accomplish their academic goals.

Touro University's liability (as well as that of its faculty and staff, and including liability for action by, through or on its behalf by third parties) is limited in all respects, no matter the cause of action or theory of liability, to the amount of tuition actually paid by the student in the one year prior to which the claim is made. No award of incidental, consequential, punitive or lost profits damages may be awarded.

## **TOURO POLICY ON BIAS-RELATED CRIMES**

Touro is committed to safeguarding the rights of its students, faculty, and staff and to provide an environment free of bias and prejudice. Under New York Law criminal activity motivated by bias and hatred toward another person or group based upon a belief or perception concerning race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation is illegal and punishable not only for the underlying crime, but, additionally, as a hate crime pursuant to the New York Penal Law# 485, et, seq. specifically Law # 485.05.

In the tables that list hate crimes, Touro is required to apply federal regulations for the “counting” of hate crimes, which is different from the New York state law as outlined below. The crimes listed can be considered hate crimes under certain conditions:

- Assault (1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree)
- Aggravated Assault on a Person Less than 11 Years Old
- Menacing (1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree)
- Reckless Endangerment (1st and 2nd Degree)



- Manslaughter (2nd Degree)
- Stalking (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree)
- Criminal Sexual Acts (1st Degree)
- Sexual Abuse (1st Degree)
- Aggravated Sexual Abuse (1st and 2nd Degree)
- Unlawful Imprisonment (1st and 2nd Degree)
- Kidnapping (1st and 2nd Degree) Coercion (1st and 2nd Degree)
- Burglary (1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree)
- Criminal Mischief (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree)
- Arson (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree)
- Petty Larceny
- Grand Larceny (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree)
- Robbery (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree)
- Harassment (1st Degree)
- Aggravated harassment
- Simple Assault
- Larceny Theft
- Intimidation
- Destruction/damage/vandalism of property

In addition, any attempt or conspiracy to commit any of these crimes is also punishable as a hate crime. A person convicted of a hate crime will be subject to certain sentencing guidelines for felonies that impose a more severe penalty than similar but non-hate crime offense.

A hate crime conviction may also subject the offender to monetary penalties pursuant to the Law of their state. Any incident or attempt to commit a hate crime should be reported to Campus the Security Director, Lydia Perez at 50 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street 14<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10036; phone number (646) 565-6134; or by calling 1-88-Touro-911 (1-888-687-6911); or your Campus Security Department in your state.

Reported incidents of hate crimes and attempts to commit hate crimes will be referred to the NYPD and/or other Law Enforcement Agencies for further investigation and legal action. Touro treats all hate crimes as serious offenses that need to be prosecuted with the full force of the legal system.

## **POLICY ON TITLE IX AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

This policy applies to all members of the Touro University (“Touro”) community, including students, faculty, and administrators as well as third parties (i.e. vendors, and invitees). Discrimination or harassment of any kind in regard to a person's sex is not tolerated at our institution. Information and/or training regarding this policy is available to students, faculty, and staff.

Touro promotes an environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of the community are respected. It is the policy of Touro that sexual intimidation of students and employees is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated.

### **TITLE IX GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 prohibits any person in the United States from being discriminated against on the basis of sex in seeking access to any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The U.S. Department of Education, which enforces Title IX, has long defined the meaning of Title IX’s prohibition on sex discrimination broadly to include various forms of sexual harassment and sexual violence that interfere with a student’s ability to equally access our educational programs and opportunities.

This Title IX Grievance Policy became effective on August 14, 2020, and only applies to formal complaints of sexual harassment alleged to have occurred on or after August 14, 2020. Alleged conduct that occurred prior to August 14, 2020 will be investigated and adjudicated according to the Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policy then in effect.

### **TITLE IX COORDINATOR**

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person’s verbal or written report.

Contact Information for the Title IX Coordinator:

Matthew Lieberman  
50 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10036  
Phone: 646-565-6000 x55667  
Email: [Matthew.Lieberman@touro.edu](mailto:Matthew.Lieberman@touro.edu)

Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address listed for the Title IX Coordinator.

## **WHEN TITLE IX APPLIES**

The Title IX process will apply when *all* of the following elements are met:

1. The conduct is alleged to have occurred on or after August 14, 2020;
2. The conduct is alleged to have occurred in the United States;
3. The conduct is alleged to have occurred in Touro’s education program or activity;  
and
4. The alleged conduct, if true, would constitute covered sexual harassment, as defined under Title IX, as:
  1. an employee conditioning educational benefits on participation in unwelcome sexual conduct (i.e., *quid pro quo*);
  2. unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would determine is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the educational institution’s education program or activity; or
  3. sexual assault (as defined in the Clery Act); or dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking (as defined in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)).

If the alleged misconduct meets these requirements, then the Title IX grievance process applies and the Potential Complainant may file a Formal Complaint or their prior Complaint submission will become a Formal Complaint. For the purposes of this Title IX Grievance Policy, “formal complaint” means a document – including an electronic submission - filed by a complainant with a signature or other indication that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint, or signed by the Title IX Coordinator, alleging sexual harassment against a respondent about conduct within Touro’s education program or activity and requesting initiation of the procedures consistent with the Title IX Grievance Policy to investigate and adjudicate the allegation of sexual harassment.

If the alleged misconduct does not meet these Title IX requirements, it requires a mandatory dismissal under Title IX, but it may be addressed by the broader Touro Sexual Misconduct Policy or another applicable Touro policy.

For more details surrounding the Title IX Grievance Policy please see:

<https://www.touro.edu/title-ix-policy/>.

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Touro prohibits discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment. The prohibition against discrimination extends to employment and third-parties. Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature and can include sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct. Environmental harassment (sometimes referred to as hostile environment) is sexually harassing conduct that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive to

limit an individual's ability to participate in or receive benefits, services, or opportunities at Touro. This can include persistent comments or jokes about an individual's, sex; verbal behavior, including insults, remarks, epithets, or derogatory statements; nonverbal behavior, including graffiti, inappropriate physical advances short of physical violence such as repeated and unwanted touching; and assault, including physical violence or the threat of physical violence.

New York Law also defines these acts as crimes if any of them are engaged in with a person who is incapable of consent either because of the person's age or because the person is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless. Therefore, sexual abuse, sodomy, and rape are sex crimes and violators will be prosecuted in accordance with New York Penal Law.

Retaliation against any individual who made a complaint will not be tolerated.

To officially file charges for an act of sexual assault or rape, please contact the Office of Institutional Compliance. If the alleged perpetrator is a student, you can initiate disciplinary action against this individual. All incidents must be reported within six (6) months of their occurrence.

All divisions of Touro seek to foster a collegial atmosphere in which students are nurtured and educated through close faculty-student relationships, student camaraderie, and individualized attention. Discrimination or harassment of any kind is anathema to Touro's mission, history, and identity. Touro will resolve any identified discrimination in a timely and effective manner, and will ensure that it does not recur. Compliance with Touro's policies and procedures is a necessary step in achieving a safe environment in our educational community. The policies set forth were developed to promote a safe educational environment in compliance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and a high-quality campus life.

Those believing that they have been harassed or discriminated against on the basis of their sex, including sexual harassment, should contact the Office of Institutional Compliance immediately. When Touro has notice of the occurrence, Touro is compelled to take immediate and effective corrective action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and as appropriate, remedy its effects.

This policy applies to all members of Touro, including students, faculty, and administrators as well as third parties (including, but not limited to, vendors, invitees, etc.). Information and/or training regarding this policy are available to students, faculty, and staff. In addition, information about this policy will be available on Touro's website.

Complaints may be filed by contacting the Office of Institutional Compliance:

Phone: 646-565-6000, ext. 55330

Email: [compliance@touro.edu](mailto:compliance@touro.edu)

For Further Information: Students are strongly urged to read the full policy at <https://www.touro.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy/>

Students are also urged to read the Annual Security and Fire Report at [https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO\\_U-2022\\_ASFSR.pdf](https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO_U-2022_ASFSR.pdf)

Additional information about this policy will be available on Touro's website. Students may contact the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education for inquiries concerning the application of Title IX as well as the implementation of its regulations. The Office for Civil Rights can be contacted using the following information:

U.S. Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights  
32 Old Slip, 26th floor  
New York, NY 10005  
Phone 646-428-3800  
Fax 646-428-3843  
Email: [OCR.NewYork@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.NewYork@ed.gov)

## STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Touro is committed to safeguarding the interests of all students. Students are entitled to be treated with fairness and respect in accordance with Touro's policies and procedures. Touro does not condone unfair treatment of students by administration, faculty and/or staff. Students who believe that they have been aggrieved by the University, and that such occurrence is not governed by another complaint mechanism, may seek redress through the complaint procedure outlined below. No adverse action will be taken against any person who files a complaint because of the filing of such complaint.

This student complaint procedure is available to Touro student who seeks to resolve a legitimate grievance directly affecting that student, provided that such circumstance is not governed by another complaint mechanism (see Exception to Policy below). The procedure only applies to complaints that are the result of actions by another member of the University community while acting in an official capacity (e.g. faculty member, administrator, or staff) in contravention of the written policies of Touro.

If any student believes that his or her rights have been violated or infringed upon, or that Touro's policies and procedures have not been followed, that student may file a formal complaint in accordance with the guidelines below.

When a complaint concerns an administrative function of Touro, including, but not limited to, tuition refund and student financial assistance, a student may file a formal complaint with the University-wide director or supervisor of the administrative unit in question, or their designee. Prior to filing the formal complaint, the student should attempt to remedy the situation via an informal

mediation. If the informal mediation is unsuccessful, or if the student is uncomfortable attempting an informal resolution, then a formal complaint may be filed. The complaint should state, with particularity: the person(s) involved, the nature of the claim, the date, witnesses (if any), documents (if any), and the circumstances under which the alleged claim may have been committed.

### **Limitation Period**

Claims under this policy may only be brought within sixty (60) calendar days of the alleged misconduct.

### **Exception to Policy**

This Policy is not applicable to situations that are governed by other policies. For example, complaints of sexual harassment are governed by Title IX; Touro currently has a robust policy and procedure for dealing with such allegations. Therefore, all such incidents are considered under that anti-harassment policy/process. Other examples of exceptions to the Grievance Policy include, but are not limited to, discrimination, Code of Conduct violations, and ADA Reasonable Accommodations requests and complaints.

Additionally, this Policy is separate and distinct from the Touro University or program-specific grade appeals policies. Therefore, this Policy may not be used for appealing grades, dismissals, or academic decisions by any Touro University programs. Such appeals are governed by the Student Handbook or Catalog for the program in which the student is enrolled.

All students are urged to read the entire policy at <https://touro.app.box.com/v/studentgrievancepolicy>

## **COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION COMPLIANCE**

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admissions, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 4653.

## NYMC SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Since TCDM is on the NYMC campus, the NYMC Office of Public Safety is responsible for campus security, emergency response, investigations, crime prevention, campus shuttle operation, and management of the parking permit and identification badge program.

The Office of Public Safety oversees a team of security officers. The security staff is not armed and does not have arrest powers. For your safety, NYMC Security Officers are assigned to both fixed and motor patrols.

TCDM/NYMC Campus is also patrolled by the Mt. Pleasant Police Department and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety. The NYMC Office of Public Safety works closely with both police agencies on matters affecting the campus including parking enforcement, criminal investigations, crime prevention, and emergency response.

It is the policy of the university to promote the safety and security of the academic community on campus; to prevent any criminal or illicit activities including sexual assault or other sex offenses; to report any alleged criminal conduct to the appropriate enforcement authorities and, when appropriate, to discipline any student, faculty member, or employee after the university has conducted its investigation of the alleged conduct. Discipline may include suspension, expulsion, dismissal, or termination of employment.

The New York Medical College Security Office is located in room 223, in the Basic Sciences Building, 15 Dana Rd. Valhalla NY 10595. You may also contact the Security Office by calling (914) 594-4226.

Rob Lancia is the Director of Public Safety. He can be reached directly at (914) 594-4577 or [rlancia@nymc.edu](mailto:rlancia@nymc.edu).

### **Annual Security and Fire Safety Report ("Clery Act")**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, or Clery Act, mandates that all Title IV educational institutions, without exception, prepare, publish, and distribute an Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. This report consists of two basic parts: disclosure of the College's crime statistics for the past three years; and information about the College's current campus security policies. Prospective students and employees are entitled to request and receive a copy of the New York Medical College's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report which is available by [clicking here](#).

Paper copies of the College's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report are available at the New York Medical College Security Office located in room 223 in the Basic Sciences Building, 15 Dana Rd. Valhalla NY 10595 or by calling the Director of Campus Security at (914) 594-4577.

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES**

Safety and security are concerns commonly shared by the students, faculty and staff employees of Touro University. The University is committed to keeping its campus locations, centers and sites secure.

### **Access to the Campus**

Students must show a valid identification card to enter Touro University Facilities. Visitors must receive a temporary pass from guards on duty to enter Touro facilities.

### **Security Services**

Touro University has contracted with professional security guard services to maintain and monitor security at its campuses and sites. Selected locations have armed Security Officers. Security Personnel are carefully screened before being assigned to Touro University, and supervised to ensure quality assurance. Security staff are supervised by means of their agency supervisor, and as well as the Campus Security Director.

Security personnel respond to emergency calls for service, enforce regulations, and assist in security building inspections and fire prevention. Electronic means, such as closed-circuit television, are also used to monitor activities at many University centers.

The Security Officers may detain individuals who engage in illegal and criminal actions until your local Law Enforcement agency arrives. They are empowered to enforce Touro's regulations, to investigate incidents, and to apprehend those who violate Touro regulations or commit crimes on campus. Criminal violators that are apprehended are turned over to the police. The security staff are not armed and do not have police or peace officer arrest powers.

Our Security Director meets regularly with Police Commanders to help ensure the safest environment for our campus community.

### **Reporting Criminal Incidents & Other Emergencies**

All students, employees, and guests should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents, and other emergencies to the Department of Campus Security by dialing 1-88-Touro911 (1-888-687-6911). This service allows you to speak to a live operator, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to report any incidents or occurrences. The service refers all calls to the appropriate agencies (i.e. fire, police, etc.) for assistance, as well as to the appropriate University authorities. Additionally, you may report any incidents to any Security Officer at your site, the Campus Security Director, and/or Operations. If you are located in student housing, you can also report any incident to the appropriate staff at your facility. The Campus Security Administrative office is located at 50 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street 14<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10036 and can be reached at (646) 565-6134 or via email at [security@touro.edu](mailto:security@touro.edu).

If assistance is required in completing or reporting an incident/occurrence to local Law Enforcement agencies, we at Touro Campus Security will be glad to render any assistance needed.



Annual statistics on the incidence of crime at Touro University campuses and sites are published in the Touro University Campus Security Handbook.

Students are urged to read the Annual Security and Fire Report at

[https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO\\_U-2022\\_ASFSR.pdf](https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO_U-2022_ASFSR.pdf)

## **POLICY ON DRUGS & CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The United States Department of Education has issued regulations implementing the provisions of The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226). In compliance with Federal law and New York State law, this policy includes information to ensure that all members of the Touro Community are aware of the dangers of substance abuse and to outline the sanctions for violating this policy.

Students, faculty, and staff who distribute or use illegal drugs or illicitly use drugs which would otherwise be legal, including alcohol, while on Touro campuses, locations and facilities, or as part of any Touro activities, are violating Federal laws, New York State laws, and the policies and procedures of Touro. Violations of federal and state laws may lead to prosecution and criminal sanctions, including, but not limited to, fines and/or imprisonment.

Touro is committed to educating and informing students, faculty and staff about the dangers and effects of substance abuse. Touro recognizes that drug addiction and alcoholism are illnesses that may not be easily resolved and may require professional assistance and treatment.

Touro may provide confidential counseling and referral services to students, faculty, and staff with drug and/or alcohol problems. These services are available through the Office of the Dean of Students, the Vice President of the Division of Graduate Studies, and/or Human Resources. All inquiries and requests for assistance will be handled with confidentiality.

Touro University also has a Biennial Review that is used to document the progress made by Touro and also provide insight into how Touro's Alcohol and Drug policy and programs could be improved.

Touro seeks to safeguard the health and well-being of all members of Touro students, faculty, and staff. All members of Touro are accountable to know the law and to understand the policies and procedures of Touro.

In order to better educate students, faculty, and staff, Touro wishes to provide all members of Touro with an education of the effects of substance abuse. The mind-altering substances to be discussed here are: marijuana, cocaine, heroin (and their derivatives); amphetamines (uppers); barbiturates (downers); hallucinogens; and alcohol. Many individuals take such drugs to escape from their problems; but doing so only creates more problems.

For the complete policy, see <https://touro.app.box.com/v/ControlledSubstancesPolicy>.

Students are urged to view pages 26-28 in the Annual Security and Fire Report at

[https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO\\_U-2022\\_ASFSR.pdf](https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO_U-2022_ASFSR.pdf)

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS**

### **CAMPUS CITIZENSHIP**

Students of Touro University are expected to be considerate of all individuals at the University – fellow students, faculty, staff and administrators – and to help maintain a harmonious and supportive environment conducive to learning and the furtherance of academic pursuits. While specific regulations are listed on the following pages, it is expected that all members of the University community demonstrate respect for their colleagues, sensitivity to their needs, and tolerance for their ideas and views. Please cooperate with University officials by observing the rules and regulations of the University, and by exercising respect for University values and property.

### **STANDARDS OF CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

The faculty has primary responsibility for managing the classroom. Students who create a disruption in the classroom may be directed by the instructor to leave the class for the remainder of the class period. Behaviors defined as disruptive include persistently speaking without being recognized, using a cell phone in the class, eating in the classroom, interfering with the class by entering and leaving the room without authorization, carrying on private conversations, and refusing to follow the directions of the course instructor. To ensure a clean and healthy environment for all students at the University, eating drinking and smoking are not permitted in any classroom, laboratory, or auditorium.

Students are strictly forbidden to bring pets or other animals into any facilities of the University, unless they have obtained specific authorization in advance from the dean of their division/school.

Additionally, please see Touro’s Policy on Weapons in the 2022 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, [https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO\\_U-2022\\_ASFSR.pdf](https://www.touro.edu/departments/campus-security/clery-reports/TOURO_U-2022_ASFSR.pdf)

### **POLICY ON FILMING, VIDEOTAPING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND VISUAL OR AUDIO RECORDINGS**

It is the policy of TCDM to require advance written permission from Touro College’s Communications Department and/or New York Medical College’s Office of Public Relations (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Appropriate Office”) prior to the taking, publication or dissemination of any photograph, film, videotape or recording of Touro buildings, facilities, property, student, faculty or employee. No commercial filming, videotaping, photography or visual or audio recording is permitted without the express written permission of the appropriate office. Permission for still photography (film or digital) will be granted only for the personal use of students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees of Touro. Photography, videotaping or recording authorized by Touro which is intended for public affairs purposes will be coordinated with the appropriate office and in accordance with Touro policies. Similar photography, videotaping or other recording which is intended for educational purposes will be coordinated by

the Office of Academic Affairs for TCDM or the appropriate Dean for the other schools, in consultation with the appropriate office.

It is also the policy of Touro to prohibit the taking, publication or dissemination of any photograph, film, videotape, digital image or other visual or audio recording of any cadaver donated or otherwise provided to or by the College. These human remains are to be treated with respect for their humanity and gratitude for their contribution to the advancement of medical education; to act otherwise serves no educational or scientific purpose.

Furthermore, it is the policy of Touro to prohibit the taking, publication or dissemination or other use of any photography, videotape, digital imaging or other visual or audio recording of any patient without the prior written consent of such patient. This protects the privacy of patients and is consistent with the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* ("HIPAA") standards and codes.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, employees, students, student organizations, residents in a College-sponsored or directed graduate medical education program, interns, volunteers and authorized visitors. This policy applies to any device or format including the use of cameras, cellphones, smartphones or other visual or audio recording devices.

### **INTERNET SERVICES AND USER-GENERATED CONTENT POLICY**

As an educational institution, we recognize that these Internet-based services can support your academic and professional endeavors, but we are also aware that, if not used properly, they can be damaging. In both professional and institutional roles, students, faculty and staff should follow the same behavioral standards online as they should offline, and are responsible for anything they post to a social media site regardless of whether the site is private (such as a portal open to the Touro community only) or public. The same laws, professional expectations, and guidelines for interacting with students, parents, alumni, donors, media and other college agents apply online as apply offline.

Students are urged to read the entire policy at <https://touro.app.box.com/v/InternetService-UserGenContent>.

### **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Acceptable Use Policy provides for users of the institutional technology resources, facilities, and/or equipment to act responsibly, to abide by Touro's policies, and to respect the rights and privileges of other users. Each user of Touro technology resources is responsible for adhering to all legal and ethical requirements in accordance with the policies of Touro and applicable law.

All users of Touro technology resource users must submit, upon commencement of their relationship with Touro, or at another appropriate time, acknowledgement of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). In submitting the AUP Acknowledgement Form, each individual will be certifying that he/she has read and will comply with the AUP.

Students are urged to read the complete policy, which can be seen at <https://touro.app.box.com/v/AcceptableUsePolicy>.

### **DRESS CODE**

1. Students must maintain a professional appearance at all times while on campus in order to convey a positive image to faculty, other students, patients, and the public. Therefore, attire should be clean, pressed and appropriately fitted. Personal hygiene should be maintained whenever the student is on university grounds, in a clinical setting, or attending any university related program.
2. The TCDM identification badge must be worn and made clearly visible at all times while on campus. ID cards are issued at new student orientation sessions and replacements for lost ID's may be obtained from the NYMC Office of Public Safety.
3. On-campus, the mode of dress is determined by each student's professional judgment and the setting which they are in. Clothing having caricatures, messages, or symbols that can be construed based on societal norms to be vulgar, offensive, or contribute to creating a hostile learning environment is always unacceptable and will always be considered unprofessional in any setting. Attire in any setting that demonstrates inappropriate professional judgement is subject to review and possible action by the Office of Student Affairs.
4. Clinical dress (scrubs and closed shoes) is required at all times while in any clinical setting, including the simulation laboratory. TCDM branded scrubs are the official uniform of students, faculty and staff in all clinical settings. Therefore, only authorized scrubs may be worn, including the approved brands, styles and colors designated by the Office of Student Affairs. Non-conforming scrubs are considered to be unacceptable attire, and will be subject to review and action by the Office of Student Affairs.
5. Casual business attire may be worn in the classroom setting on non-clinical lab days. However, students are reminded that attire should be appropriate for a professional setting.
6. Students inappropriately dressed or groomed may be asked to address these concerns. Failure or inability to do so immediately may require them to leave the campus. Questionable or disputed cases of dress or grooming shall be presented to the Office of Student Affairs for discipline and/or censure. Its decision shall be final and non-appealable.

### **ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

No student or group of students shall encourage or participate in any form of hazing. Hazing is defined as action taken or situations created to produce excessive mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. This covers coercive activities and mentally degrading games.

## **NO-SMOKING POLICY (INCLUDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR VAPOR DEVICES)**

Touro University recognizes the health, safety and benefits of smoke-free air and the special responsibility that it has to maintain an optimally healthy and safe environment for its faculty, students, employees and guests. Touro is committed to the promotion of good health, wellness and the prevention of disease and to comply with New York state law regarding smoking indoors. Out of respect and loyalty to the University and its mission, smoking (including electronic cigarettes) is not permitted inside any campus building, any of our healthcare facilities where patient care is delivered or inside University vehicles. Violators are subject to disciplinary action. In addition, smoking materials shall not be sold or in any way distributed under the auspices of the Touro University.

## **POLICY ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Touro College of Dental Medicine is dedicated to high standards of education and a respect for the dignity of the individual. The College is concerned about preventing faculty-student, resident-student or student-student relationships that are perceived as injurious to the mental or physical well-being or academic freedom of any of its students. The College is committed to the principle that students and teachers have a duty to respect each other and promote a professional environment in which the educational, research and clinical missions of the university are pursued. This policy has been developed to define the standards of conduct in teacher-student and student-student relationships at Touro College of Dental Medicine, specify mechanisms for the prompt handling of complaints, and provide for education methods aimed at preventing student mistreatment and abuse.

- Treat others with the same respect and dignity you would wish them to show you. This includes patients, colleagues, students, teachers, administration, staff and other health professionals.
- Do not harass others physically, sexually, verbally or psychologically.
- Do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, genetic predisposition, sexual orientation, gender identity or citizen status.
- Be truthful and honest in all communication. Acknowledge errors of omission and commission with colleagues and patients. Do not take credit for or plagiarize others' work.
- Do not use offensive language. Do not belittle patients, students or colleagues in any way, either in or out of their presence. Be aware of personal limitations and areas in which you lack knowledge. Know when to ask for and whom to go to for help. Know when and from whom appropriate supervision is necessary.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality on matters relating to colleagues, students and patients. Know when, where, and with whom such matters should be discussed.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS**

### **THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, grants all eligible students the right of access to their own educational records as defined in the law. The law prohibits access to or release of personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student except under certain limited circumstances. Touro College policy does not permit access to or release of student records to any party except as authorized by this law. It should be noted, however, that this legislation concerning privacy is affected by Section 510 of the Veterans Education and Employment Act of 1976, which provides that, P.L. 93-568 notwithstanding, records and accounts pertaining to veterans, as well as those of other students, shall be available for examination by government representatives. It is also affected by Sections 507 and 508 of the Patriot Act of 2001, which provides that officials designated by the U.S. Attorney General may petition the court to examine records deemed relevant to certain authorized investigations or prosecutions. If a student wishes to inspect or review his or her records, he or she may contact the office concerned. Complete information concerning this policy is available in the Office of the Registrar.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (FERPA), was designed to protect the privacy of education records. Education records include records, files, documents, or other materials in hard copy or in electronic format, maintained by Touro University or a party acting on behalf of Touro University, which contain information directly related to a student. FERPA specifies some limited exceptions including certain personal memory aids and certain employment records.

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within a reasonable period of time, but not more than 45 days after the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the Office of the Registrar written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Office of the Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request an amendment to the student's education records that the student believes contains information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights of privacy. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write to the Office of the Registrar, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide signed and dated written consent before the University discloses personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
  - a. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
  - b. A second exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure of Directory Information. Directory Information is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released.

The following is considered “Directory Information” at Touro University and may be made available to the general public unless the student notifies the Office of the Registrar in writing before the last day to add classes in a semester:

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| • Name                    | • Dates of enrollment  |
| • Address                 | • Enrollment status  |
| • E-mail address          | • Classification (freshman, etc.)                              |
| • Telephone listing       | • Honors and awards  |
| • Date and place of birth | • Degrees and dates of conferral                               |
| • Photograph              | • Most recent prior educational agency or institution attended |
| • Major field of study    |  |

1. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Touro University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR NON-DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Enrolled students may refuse to permit disclosure of Directory Information. To do so, they must submit a completed “Authorization for Non-Disclosure of Directory Information” form to the Registrar before the last day to add classes in a semester. This request is valid only for the academic year in which it is made. A new form requesting non-disclosure must be submitted each academic year.

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