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**The Nevada State Education Association, Knowledge Delivery Systems and Touro University – Nevada Partner to Offer Nevada’s First Approved Online Graduate Credit Courses for Teachers**

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Nevada Post Secondary Education Committee Approves Courses to Confer Graduate Credit

New York, NY (May 29, 2007) – Knowledge Delivery Systems, an innovative provider of online professional development courses designed for K-12 educators, in partnership with Touro University Nevada and the Nevada Education Association, has been approved by the Nevada Post Secondary Education Committee to offer an online 18-graduate credit program and 3-graduate credit courses designed specifically for Nevada’s teachers. The online courses will enable Nevada teachers the ability to earn their graduate credits online to meet their requirements for a salary increase.

There are currently two 18-Graduate Credit Programs, *Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Differentiated Classroom* and *Closing the Achievement Gap through Standards-Based Curriculum*. Each program is comprised of six 3-Credit Courses which can be taken separately covering such topics as: Differentiated Instruction, Designing a Curriculum for High Stakes Testing, and Learning How to Develop Curriculum for the Struggling Student. Through working with the Nevada State Education Association, their members will only be required to pay \$3,600 for an 18-Graduate Credit Program and \$700 for individual courses (\$4,500 and \$800 respectively for non-members). These credits are applicable toward Bachelors +18 or Masters +18, as well as salary increase and recertification. Information on these courses is available at [www.kdsi.org/nevada](http://www.kdsi.org/nevada).

“KDS has provided high-quality online professional development courses to thousands of educators across the country,” said Tom Gilbert, president and CEO of KDS. “We are thrilled that Touro has selected KDS as a provider of these online graduate credit programs and that the Nevada Post Secondary Education Committee has approved these courses to be provide to Nevada’s teachers.

“On-going professional development is an important element in providing a highly-qualified teacher in every classroom,” said Shauna Zobel, Director, School of Education at Touro University Nevada. “Providing a course online enables teachers to take the course at their convenience and at their pace. We are happy to have found a partner that meets the high standards we expect from our professional development offerings.”

“It is vital to our educational system to ensure that our teachers receive the training they need to fully prepare our students to be competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” said Terry Hickman, Executive Director at Nevada State Educators Association. “That is why we

have partnered with KDS and Touro University to offer such relevant courses at discounted prices for our members.”

### **About Knowledge Development Systems**

KDS empowers schools worldwide with dynamic online staff development programs accessible on-demand. The platform delivers engaging video-based lectures from nationally renowned educators, providing interactive discussion forums, blogs, note-taking, study guides, and additional educational resources. The built-in Learning Management System furnishes instant accountability through user-tracking, assessment, comprehensive reporting, and exportable aggregate data. Thousands of educators across the US have qualified for salary increases by completing KDS online courses. For more information, please visit [www.kdsi.org](http://www.kdsi.org).

### **About Touro University Nevada**

Touro University Nevada, a Jewish-sponsored center for health sciences and education, was established to educate caring professionals to serve, to lead and to teach. Located in Henderson, Nevada, one of the most rapidly growing cities in the United States, Touro University is committed to bringing together outstanding faculty and enthusiastic students to work together to ensure an exceptional learning opportunity and experience. Tour the campus virtually at [TUNLIVE.com](http://TUNLIVE.com) or visit our website at [www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu).