

To Graduate Admissions:

I am writing this letter to recommend Kelli Adjepong for admission to the graduate program at The Evergreen State College. I have worked with Kelli in the Professional Certification Office at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction since 2019. In the last four years it has been a joy to watch and support her professional growth as she has taken on the work of educator certification in the state of Washington.

In 2019 Kelli started in our office as a customer service specialist. She quickly rose to a lead position within the first year of working with our office and helped to lead the customer service staff through the Covid pandemic.

Kelli then moved into a new position within the office as a Forms and Records Analyst where she took on the task of learning new work. This position she was able to prioritize her work to complete it efficiently and she did this with only general direction from her supervisor. When Kelli had questions about how best to complete the work, she always made sure to reach out to her teammates for guidance and feedback.

Kelli most recently has moved into a new position as an Administrative Program Specialist. This position collaborates on policy with our partner agencies and is responsible for implementing the policy the partner agency and the Legislature create and adopt.

Kelli has taken on projects like public records retention and destruction of old records and partnering with the Professional Educator Standards Board on “how to” videos for paraeducators, one of the newest stakeholders we serve.

In all of her interactions I have found Kelli to be kind and respectful to her colleagues and those we serve. She is inquisitive and wants to understand how public policy interacts with and affects our stakeholders. She makes decisions with an empathetic lens based on what she believes will best support our stakeholders and her teammates.

I know Kelli will be successful at anything she sets her mind to, including this master’s program. You couldn’t find a better candidate, in my opinion.

If you have any questions regarding my recommendation, please feel free to reach out to me directly at 360-725-6408 or through email, tonya.bartlett@k12.wa.us.

Best,

s/Tonya L. Bartlett



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