

As a returning Greener alumnus from the Evergreen State College, I am excited to pursue a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree with a focus on Public and Nonprofit Administration. My experience and passion for public service, combined with my prior academic success and personal challenges, have led me to pursue this degree program.

As a single parent of a 9-year-old son, I have gained valuable skills in time management, organization, and prioritization. These skills have helped me succeed academically in the past, and I am confident they will also help me thrive in the MPA program. Additionally, my experiences as a parent have given me a deep appreciation for the importance of effective public policies and programs that support families.

Furthermore, as someone who has struggled with a brain injury, I understand the challenges of living with a disability. Despite this challenge, I am perseverant, motivated, and resilient. I have not let my disability hold me back from my goals and aspirations. Indeed, I believe that my experiences as a person with a disability will provide me with a unique perspective on public policies and programs aimed at supporting individuals with disabilities.

Finally, my passion for public service has led me to pursue a career in public administration. I am deeply committed to making a positive impact in my community, and I believe that the MPA program at Evergreen will provide me with the skills and knowledge necessary to do so. Specifically, the Public and Nonprofit Administration specialization aligns well with my interests and career goals. I am excited to learn more about effective management and leadership strategies for public and nonprofit organizations and to gain hands-on experience through internships and capstone projects.

Overall, I believe that my unique combination of personal and professional experiences, as well as my passion for public service, make me an excellent candidate for the MPA program at the Evergreen State College. I am committed to making a positive difference in my community, and I am confident that this program will provide me with the tools necessary to achieve that goal.

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