

The Evergreen State College
Graduate Admissions, Attn: MPA
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MPA Office of Admissions,

I'm pleased to submit my application for admissions into the MPA in Tribal Administration at The Evergreen State College. I'm a returning student to Evergreen and will forever be grateful to Professor Carol Minugh, who came to the Makah Reservation in the 1990's to recruit students for the Tribally-Based Undergraduate Program at Evergreen. I immediately jumped at the chance even though it had been over 20 years since I had attended College. I remember I was a little embarrassed then about my age with going back to get my BA degree. Now I am again a little intimidated, after another 20 years, to go back into the college setting to seek a 2nd MA degree in the MPA. Recently, I became very encouraged and enthusiastic about the possibilities of returning to the academics in the MPA Graduate Program after a discussion with one of your Program staff.

It has always been a passion of mine to teach students at the undergraduate level. And I'm fully prepared to commit a concentrated effort to achieve this goal. I worked within the Public Schools Systems for over 10 years. After receiving my MA in Ed. in the early 2000's I returned back to my Tribe on the Makah Reservation and have devoted my entire professional life to moving my Tribe forward as a successful Community Planner and Grant Writer. I've experienced some In-House promotions to different departments, as well as self-selected to join an array of different tribal department. At times Grants Writing became all-consuming adversely affecting my health. At different intervals I elected to step back to take a few reprieves from full-time employment. During those times I didn't stand still for long but rather opted to either work part-time or become self-employed. I gained a following from "Tricia's Delicious Pastry".

It's time to hand over the Tribal Administrators Mantel to our incredibly intelligent and superiorly capable next generation of Tribal Leaders. In doing so, I would like to be involved in their preparation for this monumental responsibility. Firstly, I would like to become as proficient of a teacher as possible by attending the MPA Graduate Program. Also, if possible, I'd like to assist while attending college with student tutoring, counseling or participating in some other capacity to help students be successful if admitted into the MPA at Evergreen State College. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your kind support in this potential life changing opportunity.

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