

## Statement of Purpose

I am very honored and privileged to be in the place in my life to apply for The Evergreen State College's 2023 MPA cohort. As a 2015 graduate of The Evergreen State College I have had plenty of time to enter the world of employment, continuing ed and community, and that time lead me right back to campus. I have spent those years as a community care provider, in the form of a sliding scale community massage therapist, a non-profit coordinator and manager and most recently a program coordinator at the Washington Center for Improving Undergraduate Education. Working in small towns, non-profits, and now public institutions has helped me realize how much I like being in the "inside". I like to know how everything works, and why it is the way it is. I then find extra joy in taking that information and working with others to help move towards our goals.

I have decided to pursue my MPA as it will help me help more. I can have all the drive and ambition in the world, but I still need to have the skills and education to back me up. I am ready to learn more about organization, structure, optimization, ethics and implementation. I have known that I wanted to join an MPA program for a few years, and did my due diligence researching my options. I simply couldn't find a more aligned and exciting program than what was offered at my alma mater. My bachelor's degree was such a joy to work through, and truly left a positive mark on my life, and I know that a grad program from Evergreen would do all the same and more.

I am excited at the prospect of getting to join a group of students and faculty in thinking about our systems and imagining new ones, learning to advocate effectively, and working as a cohort to reach our collective goals. Just reading the course catalogue has me excited for Fall 2023!