

As I reflect closely in my interest to challenge myself in obtaining a Master's in Public Administration at The Evergreen State College, I come back full circle to my ongoing interests and passions in helping my local community. Through my hands on work these past 8 years, I have been able to work extensively with members of my local community in a non-profit organization. My goal is to continue to grow in my ability to directly make a difference in my local community and hopefully others too. I believe Evergreen and its interdisciplinary approach can provide me with that skill development that I can later implement to advocate change and growth. When I think of public administration I think of positive change, I think of hard work, I think of taking a collaborative approach to implement and transform our communities for a stronger and better future. Public administration I believe is my passion, I envision and imagine a world that is much happier, more connected and fairer.

As a clinical facilitator I have focused significantly in primarily supporting youth and families who need support around mental health barriers, having community access to resources and overall developing the confidence to access these tools for themselves. It has been such an empowering and motivating task to have the privilege in supporting these families in accomplishing their own goals. In my current work, I am able to connect with families and their communities and encourage families to grow, heal and advocate for their own needs. I love the

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joy of encouraging and empowering the families I work with to overcome barriers that at one point may have been debilitating to their life.

The MPA mission and philosophy states a focus around critical thinking, communication, collaborative work, and advocacy on behalf of the public. These core values strongly resonate with my continued efforts and work with the families I serve, as well as with and the co-workers I have been privileged to work alongside. I strongly believe that as a previous Evergreen graduate I understand the style of education Evergreen has to offer which I really enjoyed and value. I am looking forward to the challenge to further expand my knowledge and resources around public administration to one day be able to make more of a difference in the world and the communities who struggle the most. I've learned over time that in order to see the change we wish to see in the world, we have to take a stand to make that change happen and be the voice of those that can't. I am looking forward to this challenge an opportunity.