

## Purpose Statement

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Master of Public Administration

I am Nathanial Gorman affiliated with (Dine') Navajo Nation Tribe. I graduated from Northwest Indian College (NWIC) June 16, 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts Native Studies Leadership degree. I currently work at Northwest Indian College as a Native Studies Leadership Faculty for over 3 years. I believe attending Evergreen State College would help me build on the experience and work I currently do at NWIC. I would like to challenge myself and gain experience by applying for the Master of Public Administration Tribal Governance concentration at Evergreen State College. I find passion in leadership when working and engaging with Indigenous communities. A few of my mentors are alumna of the Evergreen State College Masters of Public Administration graduates program. I see they are skillful and work in key leadership positions to serve their communities. I believe the Master of Public Administration program can help me build skill sets, knowledge, and experience toward my career goals. I believe attending Evergreen can broaden my perspective on leadership and serving tribal communities.

Throughout my study at Northwest Indian College I found that it is important to give back to Indigenous Communities. Coming from a cultural background I understand the importance of Indigenous values and the importance of leadership such as respect, honor, and integrity. To me these Indigenous values of leadership help me relate to Native American communities. I've come to utilize and incorporate the Indigenous Methodologies within my research and task I've been challenged with. Utilizing an Indigenous framework, I approach tribal issues. I advocate for indigenous values, environmental ethics, methods, contemporary issues, and inherent rights. To me this is why there is a need for indigenous leaders in Tribal communities. It is my career goal to work in a Tribal leadership position serving their communities. I always focus on task until it is complete and have experience creating strategic goals and action steps.

I practice problem solving and critical thinking to create new paths to the best of my abilities as well as being flexible to new situations and always willing to work with others. I am self-motivated and maintain a professional manner. I believe I could further my knowledge and skills by pursuing a Master of Public Administration. I look forward to the experiences and learning outcomes from attending Evergreen State College.