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MPA Program in Tribal Administration

Only The Evergreen State College offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA) focused on Tribal Governance.

The Tribal MPA program is designed for present and future leaders who wish to actively engage in shaping tribal policy and governance issues. The Tribal Governance concentration:

- Focuses on structures, processes and issues specific to tribal governments.
- Provides current and future tribal leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to work successfully in Indian Country.
- Informs tribal liaisons of governmental or other organizations.
- Reflects the diversity of issues addressed by tribes, including health, housing, education, youth, welfare, land use, natural and cultural resources, law enforcement, human resources, transportation, fiscal policy, and economic development.

For more information contact:

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www.evergreen.edu/mpa

The program is designed to accommodate student's work schedules by following a weekend intensive format. The cohort meets four times per quarter, roughly once every three weeks. Most students complete the program in two years.

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In the late 1990's, Northwest tribal leaders approached The Evergreen State College's Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program with a vision. They saw the need to create a graduate program that combines broad principles of public administration with the specialized knowledge necessary to work in tribal governance and in public and non-profit agencies that work closely with the tribes.

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Most students go through the entire two year program in a group; the college accepts a new 30-student cohort

every other year. Students meet four times per quarter in a convenient weekend-intensive format, with optional summer classes. In keeping with Evergreen's interdisciplinary tradition, each student's work is evaluated through written narrative evaluations, rather than traditional letter grades. Learning experiences are participatory and often occur in small seminars.

MPA Tribal Administration students have come from the Puget Sound region and all over the Northwest, as well as from Fila River/Maricopa, Aleut, Apache, Tlingit, Lakota, Taos Pueblo, Wichita, Turtle Mountain, Hawaii and the Philippines. This wide range of tribal backgrounds adds to the quality and depth of students' graduate experience.

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall 2008 Tribal cohort. For more information about the program and the admissions process, visit www.evergreen.edu/mpa or contact Maggie McCarty at (360) 867-6202. ✧



Northwest Indian College Xwlemi Elh>Tal>Nexw Sgul



“Promoting Indigenous Self-determination and Knowledge”

Northwest Indian College is an accredited tribal college with several locations throughout the Pacific Northwest. The College offers a Bachelor of Science degree, Associate degrees, and community education programs and services. Visit NWIC and experience small class sizes, quality instruction, and cultural relevance in the classroom.

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The mission of Northwest Indian College is to promote indigenous self-determination and knowledge through education. The college curriculum includes academic, vocational, continuing, cultural, community and adult education. The educational philosophy of Northwest Indian College is based upon the acknowledgment that tribal values and beliefs are the foundation of education and must include a study of Native American culture, language and history within the tribal community. The extended campus sites participate by identifying the values and beliefs that underlie the educational approach appropriate to their communities' needs. The following is an example of the values and beliefs identified by the Strategic Planning Committee for NWIC, Lummi Campus.

Lummi Beliefs

SELALEXW: Our strength comes from the old people. From them we receive our teachings and knowledge and the advice we need for our daily lives.

SCHTENGENXWEN: We are responsible to protect our territory. This means that we take care of our land and the water and everything that is on it and in it.

WXLEMICHOWEN: Our culture is our language. We should strengthen and maintain our language.

LENGESOT: We take care of ourselves, watch out for ourselves and love and take care of one another. ✧

Potlatch Fund named a 2008 recipient of National Leadership in Action award by W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has named Potlatch Fund as one of the five 2008 recipients of its National Leadership in Action Award, recognizing excellent work by nonprofit organizations and philanthropic institutions in communities of color.

Seattle-based Potlatch Fund was selected for its dedication to inspire the Native tradition of giving in Northwest Indian Country and promote economic development, civic participation, and the overall well-being of Native people and their communities. As a recipient, the organization will receive a \$50,000 grant, as well as an original commissioned art piece created by an emerging artist. Potlatch Fund was honored at a Gala reception on Saturday November 15, 2008 in Seattle.

“We are both humbled and honored to be the recipient of this prestigious national award from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as we’ve been working hard the past four years to expand philanthropy to Northwest Indian Country,” said Potlatch Fund Executive Director, Ken Gordon. “Our work aims to educate Indian groups about mainstream philanthropy, as well as inform mainstream philanthropic groups about Indian Country. We’re proud to say that in the last three years, nearly 1,000 Tribal members have been trained on how to create and manage non-profits. And, it is because of recognition like this that allows us to continue.”

The National Leadership in Action Award program recognizes, celebrates, and promotes outstanding philanthropic institutions and nonprofit organizations. Specifically, it seeks to partner with groups that have innovative approaches to connecting resources of time, money, and know-how for philanthropic work by communities of color. Award winners were peer-nominated and screened by a committee of nonprofit and philanthropic leaders from across the United States.

Other 2008 winners include: Rose Community Foundation (Denver, Colo.), The Twenty-First Century Foundation (New York, N.Y.), Native Americans in Philanthropy (Minneapolis, Minn.) and ACCESS (Dearborn, Mich.).

Potlatch Fund inspires and builds upon the Native tradition of giving, while striving to expand philanthropy in Northwest Indian country. Aiming to serve Native people in the Pacific Northwest, Potlatch Fund focuses efforts both in urban areas and on the 54 reservation and tribal communities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Established in 1930, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. ✧