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MPA Tribal Program  
The Evergreen State College  
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## Admission Requirements and Financial Aid

The Evergreen MPA Tribal Governance Concentration admits students every other year. New cohorts begin in even years.

### Admission requirements are:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education (students may be accepted pending completion of the degree). NO GRE required.
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the last 90 quarter credits (or equivalent) of work toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. There is some room for this rule and interested students should contact the college to inquire about applying.
- Evidence of writing, analytical and general communication skills of high quality and at a level appropriate for graduate study.
- Statistics (4 credit ), completed within the past three years, is a prerequisite to the MPA program.

## Financial Aid

Many students are eligible for some form of financial aid. The college offers a number of scholarships, fellowships and tuition waivers. Most students will also qualify for student loans. Additionally, many students of the Tribal Governance Concentration have been able to obtain assistance through educational benefits offered by their Tribes.

## Our Graduates

Graduates of the MPA Tribal Governance Concentration emerge as strong advocates and leaders both within their tribes as well as with the agencies, and non-profit organizations where they work. Several graduates have gone on to pursue their PhDs, many in Indigenous Studies.

**KENDRA AGUILAR MPA 2012**  
Tribal Governance, currently pursuing  
her PHD in Indigenous Studies

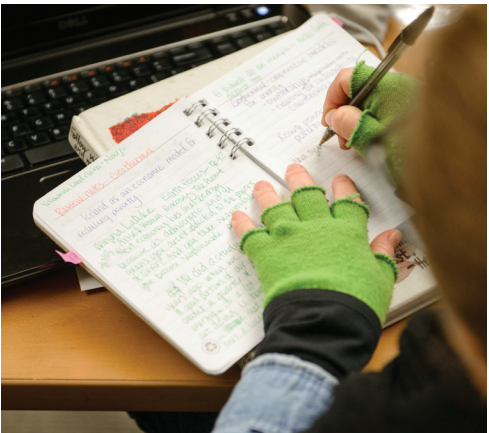


### DAWN LEWIS, CHEHALIS, MPA 2014

*The biggest take-away for me was the Analytical Techniques I & II comprehensive research; bringing together our current and past work as teams and individuals. The amount of critical thinking and statistical data was conformed with law and ethics. I have been able to apply those learning techniques as an Executive board member, manager, and now an Associate Director of a Tribal Coalition.*

*"No right is more sacred to a nation, to a people,  
than the right to freely determine its social, economic, political  
and cultural future without external interference. The fullest expression  
of this right occurs when a nation freely governs itself.  
We call the exercise of this right Self-determination.  
The practice of this right is Self-government."*

— Joseph Burton DeLaCruz (1937-2000), President of the Quinault Indian Nation (1970-1994)



# MPA

Master of Public Administration

in Tribal Governance



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Preparing Native Leaders



This concentration was created for present and future leaders who wish to actively engage in shaping Tribal public policy and administration. The concentration offers many opportunities for learning, research, professional development and public engagement. No other college or university in the United States offers an advanced degree or professional credentials that reflect in depth specialization in contemporary Tribal governance.

- Focuses on critical issues specific to roles and responsibilities of Tribal government leaders and their staff and provides them with the knowledge and skills needed to work sussessfully in Indian Country
- Informs those working with governemantal or other organizations in a liansn role with Tribal governments
- Offers an innovative and highly participatory curriculum that focuses on in class work, cohort style learning, and written evaluations rather than grades
- Reflects diversity of topics addressed by tribes including health, housing,education, youth, wealfare, land use, law enforcement, human resources, transportation, fiscal policy, sustainability and economic development

Collaborating with Local Tribes

A survey of Tribal government leaders and staff in the Northwest revealed a high level of interest in graduate studies that would equip Tribal members for the increasingly complex work in administration of Tribal governments. Tribal leaders approached Evergreen’s MPA program with their vision and a concentration was formed that not only taught the core principals of public administration but that also combined the cultural and specialized knowledge needed to work in Tribal governance and public and non-profit agencies working with Tribes. The result of the added concentration has produced many capable leaders who are giving back to their Tribes and communities.



LEXIE TOM, LUMMI, MPA 2014

I chose the Evergreen MPA program because it is the only program in the Pacific Northwest area that offers the tribal government concentration.

I am a Lummi tribal member who is pursuing an education for the betterment of my community. A master’s degree in tribal government fit the needs of my community.

Designed for Your Schedule

The Evergreen Tribal Governance MPA Concentration is organized so that students who live a significant distance away from campus can attend. Courses are taught in an intensive format, meeting five sessions each quarter (three sessions for core course and two sessions for the concentration course). Each session is 20 hours long and meets Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Students taking a full load of coursework (10 credits per quarter, fall-spring, with some summer work) can finish the degree in two years.

TRIBAL GOVERNANCE

Students take a series of courses focusing on issues of critical importance to tribes. Courses are taught in an intensive format, meeting five sessions each quarter (Friday afternoons and all day Saturdays and Sundays).

Degree Requirements—Tribal Governance	
Core courses + Capstone	36 credits
Tribal Concentration Series	20 credits
Electives	4 credits
Total credits for degree	60 credits



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