

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

KENDRA AGUILAR, MPA-2012

Pursuing PHD in Indigenous Studies



"I've taken with me several great things from this program. It gave me the tools I need to succeed in any public service related field as well as a lifelong network of friends and colleagues who will continue to work together towards building a brighter future for our people." Kendra is a graduate of both the Evergreen Reservation Based Community Determined Program, the MPA Tribal Governance Concentration and is part of the first ever cohort of U.S. Tribal students to pursue their Doctorate in Indigenous Development and Advancement (IDA) through Te Whare Wananga O Awanuiarangi, an Indigenous-Maori University based in New Zealand.

NICOLE PETERS, MPA 2011

Founder/Executive Director, Nature Nutures Farm

"It's great to have a dream (to start a non-profit organization), but without acquiring the knowledge, skills, and abilities to achieve that vision I would still be dreaming. My experience in the MPA program added concrete skills to my passion and drive, and so far it's been a winning combination."

Washington Monthly ranks Evergreen among the top master's colleges in the nation. This distinctive rating asks "what are colleges doing for the country?" and ranks Evergreen 29th in the nation among master degree colleges for 2012-13 Academic Year.

STEVE SALMI, MPA 1995

Research Services Program Manager, Washington State Department of Commerce

"Eight of our 12-person staff are Evergreen grads; five have MPA degrees. Why? Because our experience has been that Evergreen produces graduates with strong writing, problem-solving and inter-personal skills. Evergreen's interdisciplinary focus is also a big plus because we need researchers who possess the confidence to tackle policy issues outside of their core areas of expertise. We have found Greeners to be particularly good at managing projects in fluid and politically challenging environments where a strong sense of public service is a must."

MATT LEMON, MPA 2013

Current Research Associate with Washington State Institute for Public Policy



"...I have a much better grasp of the various methodologies, methods, and approaches that people use when thinking about public policy. This has been a tremendous boon in my professional work, as it has allowed me to more effectively understand and work with a variety of stakeholders that represent multiple perspectives."

WHAT DO WE HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI & EMPLOYERS?

ALUMNI In a recent survey, some of our Evergreen MPA alumni said:

"I think Evergreen's unique collaborative and community learning structure is amazing and offers something that is difficult to get at any other school. The faculty and programming were responsive to student interests, yet varied enough to meet the needs of students with different professional and personal goals while the class sizes were small enough for individual support and attention."

"Evergreen's MPA pushed me to consider different ways we conceive of what is public, the different ways we have to work to manage that physical, social and psychological space, and how to engage others in it."

"I am better educated and have a grasp of how government impacts my daily life. I feel as if I have increased my self esteem and feel worthy of moving forward toward some desired life goals."

"The program gave me the ability to think '360 degrees' instead of addressing public policy through only the familiar."

"It has helped me work with the Port Gamble S'Kallam Tribe by providing the educational qualifications I need for employment."

EMPLOYERS In a recent survey, some of our Evergreen MPA employers said MPA alumni have these strengths:

"Thinkers, problem-solvers, able to self-start and figure things out. Able to add to solutions"

"Critical thinking and a willingness to approach complex problems and invent creative ways to address them. Respect for diverse opinions and experiences. Ability to contribute to a team effort."

"Dedication, intelligence, writing ability, ability to get along with other staff"

"Ability to collaborate with others, and share ideas."

"The main strength of my Evergreen MPA alum has been a commitment to inclusiveness. They are eager to invite many parties to the table when decision making is made."

OUR GRADUATES

OUR STUDENTS

RODNEY GERVAIS, BLACKFEET, MPA 2014

Tribal Governance



Rodney has worked for the Blackfeet tribe for 27 years and has served as a Tribal Chair person. He has received two A.A. degrees from Blackfeet community college, one in human services and general studies. Rodney got his bachelor degree from the University of Montana, in political science and a minor in native studies and he is a MPA Tribal Governance Concentration graduate from Evergreen State College in Olympia Washington.

ALICIA LEDUC, MPA 2011

Entering Law School at Willamette



Alicia embodies the spirit of both Evergreen and the MPA program. She is inquisitive, focused on social justice and motivated to do everything she can to grow and learn in a vast capacity. From volunteering in Tanzania to working with Washington State and entering law school, Alicia is being the change.

photo courtesy Alicia LeDuc

WHERE DO EVERGREEN MPA GRADUATES WORK?

- Washington State Departments & Offices
- Washington State Legislature
- City Governments
- County Governments
- Governmental Organizations
- Washington Nonprofit Organizations
- Tribes in Washington State
- Organizations Working on Indian Issues
- Private Consulting and Organizations
- Out of State Nonprofits Organizations and Universities
- Federal Government Departments and Organizations
- U.S. House of Representatives

Find additional information about public service careers at www.naspaa.org/students/careers/careers.asp



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WHY GET AN MPA DEGREE?

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IS...

A set of practices that promote the public's best interest in policies and procedures that define civil society throughout local, regional, state, federal tribal, international and non-profit, community based and private organizations.

VALUE OF MPA AT EVERGREEN?

- Highly useable degree from a nationally recognized institution
- Acquire many practical skills for today's workplace
- Emphasis on socially just public service, applicable to every field
- Small teaching teams with dedicated faculty and cohort/seminar models allowing for deep understanding of material
- Offers three concentrations: Policy, Public Nonprofit and the Nation's only Tribal Governance concentration
- Uniquely located in the State's Capitol for maximum exposure to government and supporting organizations in action
- Long lists of successfully placed alumni

AFFORDABLE

- Evergreen graduate tuition runs nearly 1/3 to half the cost of comparable MPA programs
- Financial aid is widely available
- Course schedules allow for students to work full or part time jobs while they attend
- Does not require the GRE for admission



CONVENIENT AND LIFE-FRIENDLY

- Program accommodates for busy family and work schedules with once a week evening and 1 to 2 week end classes for Policy and Public/Non- Profit cohorts and 5 intensive weekend programs for the Tribal Governance concentration per quarter
- Format enables students to commute from all over the area
- Degree can be completed in 2 years (full time) or 3 or more years
- Students can qualify to take electives and statistics prior to admission

Take up to 12 elective credits before admission
Try us out and get a head start. Flexible degree requirements allow you to customize your MPA.

→ Take up to 24 elective credits from multiple interest areas

→ Take up to 12 of the elective credits as independent study



WHAT WILL YOU LEARN HERE?

MPA CURRICULUM

The MPA degree consists of 60 credits. All students complete 36 credits in core coursework with the remaining 24 credits determined by their concentration of choice.

CONCENTRATION



Core Programs are team taught by faculty with different specializations within public administration. Cohorts typically move through the core classes together in a two year period. Each class is 6 credits and lasts a full quarter (Fall through Spring) for a total of 36 credits. The remaining course requirements are determined by the concentration each student chooses.

First Year Core is designed to give students the foundations of public administration. Students acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead others and to manage within organizations in public, non-profit, tribal and private sectors.

Second Year Core prepares students in practical analytical skills and research techniques. Their experience is showcased in a required capstone or applied demonstration project involving organizations within the region. Elective Courses allow students to tailor their degree to their particular interests. Individual study, internships and other approved graduate program courses can build onto the rich offerings in leadership, management, policy, ethics, human resources and more offered through the degree.



TRIBAL GOVERNANCE

Develops administrators who can assist tribal governments and the public agencies with which tribes interact. 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



PUBLIC & NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION

Students will prepare for advance careers as administrators in public or nonprofit organizations. Electives are offered in areas such as: strategic planning, human resources, leadership and ethics, multicultural competencies and nonprofit management.

Degree Requirements—Public & Nonprofit Administration	
Core courses + Capstone	36 credits
Electives	24 credits
Total credits for degree	60 credits



PUBLIC POLICY

Students will prepare for, or advance in, positions as policy analysts, budget analysts, or evaluators. Students will complete two Public Policy courses. Electives are offered in areas such as: health policy, poverty policy, education policy, environmental policy, and energy policy.

Degree Requirements—Public Policy	
Core courses + Capstone	36 credits
Foundations of Public Policy	4 credits
Advanced Research Methods	4 credits
Electives	16 credits
Total credits for degree	60 credits

HOW TO APPLY?

APPLYING TO THE MPA PROGRAM

New students are admitted to begin the MPA program for fall quarter only. We admit new students in the Public and Nonprofit Administration and Public Policy (~~PNAPP cohort~~) each year. A new cohort of Tribal Governance concentration students begins every other year, in even-numbered years.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For complete, up-to-date info, go to www.evergreen.edu/mpa

- **Completed BA or BS degree before you begin MPA coursework in the fall**
- **3.0 GPA for the last 90 quarter-hours or 60 semester-hours of undergraduate or graduate coursework**
We can waive this requirement for otherwise well-qualified candidates
- **Excellent writing, analytical and communication skills**
- **Introductory statistics class – many options are available**
May be completed after admission, as late as the summer before you begin MPA

QUICK APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This list is subject to change. See www.evergreen.edu/mpa for complete instructions and to apply.

- ☐ Graduate admission application + \$50 nonrefundable application fee
- ☐ Resumé
- ☐ Official transcripts from every college or university attended—request early
- ☐ A typed statement of purpose, no more than three, double-spaced pages
- ☐ A typed public policy essay of no more than five, double-spaced pages regarding an issue of interest to you
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation—request early

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

With tuition and fees at one-half to two-thirds of the cost of our competitors, Evergreen's MPA program is the most affordable MPA program in the Northwest! Visit: www.evergreen.edu/mpa/cost.

In addition, the vast majority of MPA students are eligible for some form of financial aid. Financial aid resources include: federal student loans, scholarships, tuition waivers and work study. Evergreen is committed to making every effort to award aid to as many students as possible. Visit: www.evergreen.edu/mpa/finaid.

