



The artwork by Roger Fernandes depicts the renewed life and ancestral stories a nurse log provides to our forest communities.

haʔt sləxil (*Good Day*),

We are inviting you, your community, and local school district employees to apply for the Native Education Certificate Program (NECP). The certificate offered by the University of Washington is a partnership between the College of Education and Professional and Continuing Education. The Native Education Certificate is a first of its kind in the nation; program participants develop knowledge engaging Native students, families, and communities in teaching and learning practices, which ensures Native student success in learning environments addressing the relevant needs of Native communities. This innovative program was developed with over 15 years of collaboration and vision by tribal leaders, citizens, and the University of Washington. We currently have twenty-two board members, primarily tribal leaders, who review all information and content.

The program is an online hybrid program (both online and in-person) utilizing a cohort model, which enables peers to collaborate in scholarship and together engage in gaining knowledge and skills working with Native communities. Please see the included information for further details. For individual and cohort groups, benefits include:

- A kick-off with a three-day Summer Institute at the wəʔəbʔaltx^w – Intellectual House on the University of Washington campus launching **August 17-19, 2020**.
- For groups of 10 participants from the same community and/or school district, we will offer a paid position for a Native liaison from your community to engage with the cohort.
- The **July 15, 2020 deadline to enroll in this year's cohort is quickly approaching!**

Why a certificate, and how could this be beneficial? We are aware that each individual's academic needs are different; therefore, we kept in mind how participants look to further their education in various capacities:

- Opportunity to participate in an Experiential Project as part of National Boards Certifications and Native Education Certificate;
- Additional training as part of continuing education to remain endorsed or add an endorsement;
- Add graduate-level credits to possibly transfer to current or future educational programs; or add graduate credits as an endorsement to teach as an adjunct at the college level;
- Acquire specific training to serve underrepresented populations in culturally responsive ways;
- Non-profits and organizations working with tribal communities or governments will benefit by building understanding regarding tribal sovereignty, protocols and culturally responsive practices.

Please learn more by reviewing our:

- Scope and Sequence of Courses
- Native Education Certificate Flyer
- Frequently Asked Questions

To Apply:

- Apply online at <https://certapp.pce.uw.edu/castart.asp?Cert=NED&PID=6934>

Also check out our website <http://education.uw.edu/programs/necp>! If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Manager, Dawn Hardison-Stevens, at dawnes@uw.edu.

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