



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

haʔ sləxil (Good Day),

INVITATION 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.

NECP 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 on the University of Washington Seattle campus will launch August 2022.
- For groups of 10 participants from the same community and/or school district, we will offer a paid position for a participating Native liaison from your community to engage with the cohort.
- We are currently accepting applications and will be reviewing them in the order they are received. Applications will be accepted until the program closes or is full. The **July 2022 deadline to enroll** in this year's cohort will be quickly approaching!

WHY? 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.

ATTACHMENTS Please learn more by reviewing our:

- Native Education Certificate Flyer
- Scope and Sequence of Courses
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Introductory Email Message Letter

TO APPLY A link is included [here](#) for convenience to apply to the Native Education Certificate Program:

- Apply online at <https://certapp.pce.uw.edu/castart.asp?Cert=NED&PID=7553>

WEBSITES Also check out our websites with the UW Continuum College [About This Program](#) and with the College of Education [Native Education Certificate Program](#). 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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