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Mayumi has lived in Snohomish County for over 30 years. Growing up just outside of Hiroshima, Japan she graduated from Hiroshima Jogakuin University with a BA, English Literature. After moving to Everett, WA, she continued her studies at Seattle Pacific University and Western Washington University. She earned a certification in teaching and taught Japanese language at Everett and Cascade High Schools and Everett Community College.

She has served as a tenured faculty member at Everett Community College (EVCC) since 1988 and as director of the EVCC Nippon Business Institute Japanese Cultural and Resource Center (NBI) since 1990. The NBI conducts college courses in Japanese language, culture and history, Japanese exchange programs, and community outreach programs. As its director, she oversees NBI management, operation, programs and staff. She also provides advising for both American and International students enrolled at EvCC.

Mayumi assists current and past Japanese international students by providing the opportunity for one-on-one advising sessions on: information on the college admission process, academic advising, cross-cultural communication issues with host families and friends, how to adjust to life in the USA, how to improve English skills, and overall health and wellness.

Mayumi was honored to receive the 1997 Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers Inspirational Leadership Award, the 1998 Everett Area Chamber of Commerce President's Award, and the 2004 Japanese Government Foreign Minister's Commendation Award.