

Our land acknowledgement statement is Everett Community College's recognition and affirmation of the original caretakers of the land on which the college now resides. This formal statement follows indigenous protocol and acknowledges the relationship between the land and its people. Statements such as these are usually given at the beginning of large gatherings and have also been used in syllabi, classrooms, meetings, and conferences.

Please use this statement as you see fit with the understanding that this statement is fluid and can be modified to better encapsulate the college's relationship to and support of those who have been here since time immemorial.

We are taking this opportunity to acknowledge that the land Everett Community College campuses reside on are the traditional and ancestral lands of the Tulalip (ta-lay-lup) Tribes, the Sauk-Suiattle (sock swa-ttle) Indian Tribe and the Stillaguamish (still-a-gwa-mish) Tribe of Indians.

The main campus is built upon the ancestral territory of the Hibulb (hee-bulb) Village, which once stood as a rich cultural, economic, and political center for the Snohomish (sna-hoe-mish) Tribe. After the arrival of European Americans, the Snohomish (sna-hoe-mish) people, along with several other tribal nations, negotiated the Treaty of Point Elliott and relocated to what is now the Tulalip (ta-lay-lup) Reservation.

By remembering the nations who have been here since time immemorial, we acknowledge the truth of our past and join together in building bridges of

**understanding and collaboration for the empowerment of indigenous students
and their communities.**