### Core Theme 1: Engage Indigenous Knowledge

#### Goal 1: NWIC promotes student self-identity through the tribal college experience
**Objective 1:** Cultural Content in the foundational courses support students’ self-identity  
**Indicator 1.1.1:** Assessment of NWIC Institutional outcomes #3 & #5 within CSOV 101 & 300  
**Indicator 1.1.2:** Assessment of NWIC Institutional outcomes #3 & #5 for all bachelor’s degree students within capstone classes in their final year

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#### Objective 2: Student satisfaction with the Tribal College experience
**Indicator 1.2.1:** Student Satisfaction Survey regarding overall student satisfaction  
**Indicator 1.2.2:** Graduate Survey regarding overall satisfaction

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Provide NWIC activities which define and promote a positive Tribal college experience and reflect students’ ability be self-determined individuals; Assess student satisfaction using the Graduate Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey |

#### Goal 2: Indigenous knowledge is the foundation for all programs of study
**Objective 1:** Foundational courses in all programs of study  
**Indicator 2.1.1:** Development of foundational courses  
**Indicator 2.1.2:** Implement foundational core into all programs of study

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Program of Study revisions to include Foundational Courses  
|                           | B-Provide access to Foundational Courses through multiple modalities including site based |

#### Objective 2: NWIC faculty have the capacity to support four year degree programming (quality assurance standards – faculty discipline areas)
**Indicator 2.2.1:** Teaching and Learning Institute Attendance  
**Indicator 2.2.2:** Cultural Orientation
### Core Theme Mission Critical Activities

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Develop and provide culturally accurate and appropriate faculty orientation  
B-Implement Teaching and Learning Plan including (host T&L annually, professional development, in service with topics including indigenous scholarship). |
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| Goal 3: NWIC actively engages faculty and students in research and scholarship in support of the college’s mission and programs  
Objective 1: NWIC conducts research to increase the Indigenous body of knowledge  
Indicator 3.1.1: Development of an institutional research agenda  
Indicator 3.1.2: Development of a publication policy |
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| Objective 2: NWIC builds the capacity for faculty and students to engage in Indigenous scholarship  
Indicator 3.2.1: Assessment of capstone courses for graduates of bachelor’s programs  
Indicator 3.2.2: Provide in-service/pre-service activities to build capacity of faculty in indigenous scholarship  
Indicator 3.2.3: Participation rate in the teaching and learning Institute (Survey/evaluation) |
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| Objective 3: NWIC Faculty and students publish and disseminate research  
Indicator 3.3.1: Number of accessible published cultural and historical documents, including both original and reprinted publications  
Indicator 3.3.2: Capstone project reports are placed in the collections of the Lummi library |

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### Core Theme Mission Critical Activities

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Build faculty/student capacity to publish and disseminate research  
B-Build faculty/student capacity to utilize published research |

### Core Theme 2: Commitment to student success

Goal 4: NWIC prepares students to be successful at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate levels

Objective 1: Curriculum prepares students for professional or advanced degree work upon graduation.

- Indicator 4.1.1: Assessment of bachelor’s degree program outcomes
- Indicator 4.1.2: Assessment of institutional outcomes
- Indicator 4.1.3: Graduation rate
- Indicator 4.1.4: Graduation survey results from questions addressing preparation for future occupation or continued education

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Teach and report on the assessment of program and institutional outcomes  
B-Develop a comprehensive framework for assessment with program and institutional outcomes |

Objective 2: Co-curricular activities support students’ development appropriate to a four-year college

- Indicator 4.2.1: Assessment of student support learning outcomes
- Indicator 4.2.2: Assessment of student development as articulated in student learning outcomes

| Mission-Critical Activities | A-Develop, implement, and report on the Student Learning Outcomes for all co-curricular activities (see co-curricular definition in year 3 report, page 34) |

Goal 5: NWIC promotes student success in college-level courses through the First Year Experience (FYE) program, especially for first generation and low-income students

Objective 1: Participates in communities of learners that support their educational goals

- Indicator 5.1.1: Quarter to quarter retention rate
- Indicator 5.1.2: FYE Fall to Fall retention rate
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**Mission-Critical Activities**

- A-Implement, assess, and report on student learning outcomes in all FYE courses.
- B-Implementation of Emerging Scholars symposium in HMDV 110
- C-Reporting on retention rate
- D-(This requires report card and student success report data)

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**Objective 2: Students complete developmental education and First Year Experience (FYE) courses within their first year**

- Indicator 5.2.1: Completion rate of developmental math
- Indicator 5.2.2: Completion rate of developmental English
- Indicator 5.2.3: Completion rate of FYE Core Courses

**Mission-Critical Activities**

- A-Implement, assess, and report FYE plan, including professional development, updating courses, tutoring support
- B-Math and Writing Center plan- Develop, implement, and report on tutoring and student success

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**Objective 3: Students participate in extra-curricular activities that strengthen personal and tribal identity**

- Indicator 5.3.1: Participation in extra-curricular activities
- Indicator 5.3.2: Assessment of student connection to identity and sense of place

**Mission-Critical Activities**

- A-Develop, implement, and report on the assessment of student connection to identity and sense of place
- B-Develop and implement activities and track participation rates
### Core Theme Mission Critical Activities

#### Core Theme 3: **Access to higher education opportunities at all levels for tribal communities**

| Goal 6: NWIC offers career and workforce opportunities in response to community and individual needs  
Objective 1: Offer workforce programs that meet or exceed industry recognized standards and prepare students for employment opportunities.  
Indicator 6.1.1: Workplace and Computer Literacy  
Indicator 6.1.2: Student attainment of industry-recognized credentials  
Indicator 6.1.3: Student employment upon completion of workforce training |
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| **Mission-Critical Activities**  
**Activities that are essential to achieving the objective** |
| A-Develop work force education plan that includes: student learning outcomes; state credential completion rates; and employment rates |
| **Objective 2: Provide career pathways from college entry to associate and baccalaureate programs**  
Indicator 6.2.1: Articulation of career pathways in college publications such as: college catalog, flyer handed out by advisors, etc.  
Indicator 6.2.2: Rate of students transitioning along career pathways |
| **Mission-Critical Activities**  
**A-Develop career pathways plan that links work force education and degree programs** |

### Goal 7: NWIC provides access to and opportunities for engagement in the tribal college experience at all entry points

Objective 1: Opportunities to access college programs are communicated at all entry points

Indicator 7.1.1: Admissions yield (a measure how many students apply to be a student vs. how many actually enroll)

Indicator 7.1.2: Online Resources - ongoing improvement of student access to useful online resources at NWIC.

Indicator 7.1.3: Percentage of students who declare program of study who previously enrolled as undeclared, including GED, CEU, and Workforce Education

Indicator 7.1.4: Increase in the number of transfer students (with recognized associates’ degree) who apply, enroll and declare in a baccalaureate
degree program at NWIC.

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| **Goal 8:** NWIC increases access to program of study courses through distance education modalities and site-based services | **Objective 1:** NWIC provides place-based education at extended campus sites  
Indicator 8.1.1: Annualized FTE for off-campus program of study students  
Indicator 8.1.2: On-time graduation rate for off-campus students |
| **Mission-Critical Activities** | **A-Develop distance education plan to increase access to programs of study at extended campus sites** |
Core Theme 4: **Advance place-based community education and outreach**

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### Mission-Critical Activities

**Activities that are essential to achieving the objective**

A- Develop, Implement, and assess a community education plan that includes:

i) Planning and delivery of activities/classes/workshops in all appropriate departments

ii) Coordination and training across programs to ensuring all possible CEUs collected

iii) Creation and publication of a master schedule of all community education activities offered quarterly

iv) Creation, dissemination, and regular updating of a centralized list of qualified and approved CEU providers

### Objective 2: NWIC conducts research and product development of curriculum resources for professional and community education

| Indicator 9.2.1: | Number of curriculum resources developed and disseminated |

### Mission-Critical Activities

A- Develop, implement, and assess a curriculum dissemination plan which coordinates with the Publication Policy and processes and addresses:

i) Approval process for curriculum and products that addresses cultural intellectual property rights and norms

ii) Identification of purpose and audience for each

iii) Evaluation, as appropriate.

### Objective 3: NWIC provides Tribal communities opportunities for leadership development

| Indicator 9.3.1: | Traditional Leadership Curriculum is available and accessible. |
| Indicator 9.3.2: | Traditional Leadership Curriculum is incorporated into programs of study |

### Mission-Critical Activities

A- Develop, implement, and assess Native Leadership Development Plan that addresses:

i) Institutional prioritization of development of the next generation of Native leaders

ii) Dissemination and use of the Traditional Leadership Curriculum
### Core Theme Mission Critical Activities

| A- Develop, implement, and assess NICMERE Plan to include: |
|---|---|
| i) development and documentation of partnerships |
| ii) scheduling of regular partner meetings to include goals and meeting minutes |
| iii) development and implementation of processes to implement goals and assess progress |

#### Goal 10: NWIC promotes land grant programming that builds institutional and community capacity in the marine sciences, aquaculture, and natural resources

**Objective 1:** NICMERE maintains positive reciprocal relationships with tribal, state, and federal agencies and institutions of higher learning focused on shared research interests and support of students

**Indicator 10.1.1:** Annual meetings are held with existing and potential partners in collaborative projects

**Indicator 10.1.2:** Number of collaborative projects

#### Objective 2: NICMERE and the Salish Sea Research Center provide a place-based collaborative model for aquaculture and environmental science research and education

**Indicator 10.2.1:** Number of courses in aquaculture, mariculture, and/or the husbandry of freshwater and marine organisms offered by NWIC or through a partner organization

**Indicator 10.2.2:** Number of students participating in aquaculture and environmental science internships at NWIC and outside organizations

| B- Develop, implement, and assess plan and processes to coordinate NICMERE and Science Department offerings in research and education, to include: |
|---|---|
| i) creation and revision of courses within the Science Department and other programs that coordinate with NICMERE |
| ii) development and approval of MOU agreements with Bellingham Technical College and other institutions, as appropriate |
| iii) Coordination, maintenance, and extension of internship offerings |

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**Note – indicator 9.3.2 is complete**

- A- Develop Traditional Leadership curriculum (Done)
- B- Develop BANSL program of study (done)
- C- Incorporate tribal leadership curriculum content into foundational courses (done)
### Objective 3: NWIC provides education, training, and workforce developmental opportunities that support the stewardship and management of natural resources through collaboration among the Salish Sea Research Center, NWIC Continuing Education, and NWIC Workforce Training departments

**Indicator 10.3.1:** Number of coordination meetings between Salish Sea Research Center, NWIC Continuing Education, and Workforce Training office

**Indicator 10.3.2:** Number of new workforce development courses in aquaculture and natural resources offered

| A- Develop, implement, and assess coordination plan between NICMERE/Salish Sea Research Institute, Workforce Development, and Continuing Education Departments, which includes: |
| i) Develop and implement mechanism to gather data from former students and community members to determine which aquaculture and natural resources workforce trainings need to be offered. |
| ii) Articulation and implementation of mechanism for collaborate – meetings, incorporation of collaboration goals and activities into each department’s work plan, coordination with workforce pathways (Strategic Plan goal 6, objective 2) |
| iii) Implementation of mechanisms for stakeholder input |
| iv) Updating of the 2004 list of desirable trainings identified by Lummi Natural Resources and implementation of coordinated activities to address stated needs |
| v) Development and implementation of coordinated effort to offer similar and appropriate trainings at other NWIC extended campus sites |