



“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.”

— Horace Mann

First president of Antioch College

Excerpt from commencement address, 1859

About Antioch University Seattle

Antioch University has a 150-year tradition of excellence, innovation and leadership among American colleges and universities. Founded in 1852 as Antioch College, a small liberal arts institution in Yellow Springs, Ohio, with the famed social reformer, abolitionist and educator Horace Mann as its first president, it has never wavered in its commitment to high quality education, social justice and inclusiveness. For all its years, Antioch has provided student-centered programs that recognize the diversity of individual backgrounds.

Today, Antioch is a national, multi-campus university. The Seattle campus has carried on the Antioch tradition in the Pacific Northwest for more than 30 years. We meet you where you are personally, professionally and academically.

Antioch's Mission

“Antioch University is founded on principles of rigorous liberal arts education, innovative experiential learning and socially engaged citizenship. The multiple campuses of the University nurture in their students the knowledge, skills and habits of reflection to act as

lifelong learners, democratic leaders and global citizens who live lives of meaning and purpose.”

Antioch University Seattle (AUS), in concert with its institutional mission, seeks “to provide transformative education that engages adult learners in lifelong development and agency in a changing world.” In its bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral programs, Antioch Seattle offers students the opportunity to acquire the professional skills, knowledge and personal growth necessary to advance their careers and to create positive change for themselves and for the world.

At AUS, the focus is on students as individual members of a learning community. The University is purposely small, with limited-size classes, an intimate environment and strong support from dedicated and expert faculty. With Antioch’s flexible programs, students can tailor their educational experiences and degrees to achieve their personal and professional goals while contributing to the life of the larger community. Innovation, responsiveness and an unwavering commitment to excellence is Antioch’s pledge to its students. The University’s pride in

upholding these standards is surpassed only by pride in the students, whose efforts, dedication and accomplishments are, in the end, the final measure of Antioch's success.

Holistic Programs With a Focus on Adults

Antioch encourages development on intellectual, emotional, ethical and spiritual levels. Antioch students are typically working adults who bring their own sense of direction to their studies. The faculty welcomes this and encourages students to bring their learning experiences into the classroom. They also understand students need to integrate classes with other responsibilities and adjust their teaching to students' needs. Other benefits for students:

- Evening and weekend class schedule
- Integration of theory and real-world practice
- Emphasis on leading and managing change
- Recognition of the diversity of individual backgrounds

Truly Innovative Higher Education

From its beginnings, Antioch has pioneered innovative educational approaches that have gone on to become widely accepted across the country. Antioch Seattle introduced many of these innovations to the Pacific Northwest, including

- Independent study
- Interdisciplinary study
- Self-designed degree plans
- Narrative student assessment in lieu of grades

- Alternatives to testing for demonstrating student learning
- Academic credit for demonstrated learning from work and life experience
- Emphasis on social justice and participation in the global community
- Integration of work experience with traditional classroom learning

Based on the principles of lifelong learning, the University was formed to recognize the diversity of individual backgrounds and experience by meeting learners where they are personally, professionally and academically. While providing sound undergraduate and graduate educational programs, Antioch Seattle, with the dedication of committed faculty and staff, assists students in overcoming traditional barriers to completing a university degree. Based on the belief that all learning is most effective when it is student-focused, Antioch Seattle is committed to expanding educational opportunities with economy, flexibility and responsiveness. Ultimately, Antioch Seattle offers services and programs of study that are current, relevant and non-repetitious of the learner's previous educational experience. The University ensures academic quality through personalized evaluation, faculty-approved, learner-centered programs and demanding program requirements.

A History of Inclusiveness

Antioch, from the days of Horace Mann, has been a leader not only in its ways of education but also in inclusiveness and in welcoming people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. Today, Antioch Seattle is a recognized leader in making higher learning accessible to populations who have often been denied such opportunities in the past. Antioch

Seattle maintains a diverse faculty, staff and student body, and expects its students to become adept in working with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds. An important example of Antioch Seattle's work today is its collaboration, in a variety of ways, with Native American communities to deliver learning opportunities in tribal settings, particularly in the form of teacher training programs and tribally-sponsored early college programs for Native youth.

reading material likely to be of interest to students, school supplies, snacks, greeting cards, clothing and other items.

The Campus

The Antioch Seattle campus is conveniently located in two modern buildings in the Belltown neighborhood, near Seattle's downtown core and just a few short blocks from Seattle Center and the Space Needle. In the main building are classrooms, faculty and staff offices, a library, computer facilities, an art studio, lounge and study spaces, a bookstore and a café. Metered and other paid parking is available adjacent to the campus, along with easy access to Metro bus lines. The campus is designed to be accessible to everyone, regardless of physical ability.

Adult learners and the great majority of the Antioch Seattle faculty generally prefer small group discussions rather than lectures. As a result, Antioch classrooms are relatively intimate – with mostly designed for 20 or fewer students – and to facilitate interchange, they are arranged seminar style with tables and chairs. Central atrium spaces on each floor of the main building are comfortably furnished and class discussions often spill out into these spaces between class sessions and during breaks. The result is a lively intellectual atmosphere in which students learn from one another as well as from their instructors.

The campus bookstore, located on the first floor, stocks textbooks, general