

Ashley Tuomi
President
National Council of Urban Indian Health

Ashley Tuomi is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Oregon. She grew up in a military family traveling around the United States. When she returned to Oregon, she became very active with her tribe and participated in tribal royalty for seven years. This experience became the stepping stone to her career serving the health needs of the American Indian/Alaska Native population. She graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology while working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at a nursing home. She then went on to get her Master of Health Policy and Administration from Washington State University. During the summer she interned with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention working with American Indian/Alaska Native grantees. She used this experience and completed her thesis on Secondary Prevention of Diabetes Complications in AI/AN members from the Eastern Band of Cherokee and tribes in Oklahoma.

After school she began working at United American Indian Involvement in Los Angeles as the Associate Director of Health Services. Her experience included a national RPMS training for Urban Indian Clinics, quality improvement, policy revisions, grant writing, and program development. Ashley also served as the Executive Director for a tribal consortium clinic. Recently Ashley graduated from A.T Still University with a Doctorate in Health Sciences. Her manuscript was titled Dental Anxiety in American Indians and Alaska Natives Ashley is dedicated to improving the health of American Indians/Alaska Natives and has a passion for serving the Urban Indian population.

In addition to her local work, Ashley currently serves as the President of the National Council of Urban Indian Health and also serves as the co-chair of the Office of Minority Health Regional Health Equity Council (Region V).