



**HLC: 38 Days and Counting...Did You Know?
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Did you know that CMU has been accredited by a national association, the Higher Learning Commission, since 1957?

Self-Study Report, Introduction – CMU's Past: The founding of Grand Junction Junior College in 1925, with 39 students enrolled in seven classes, provided the Western Slope of Colorado with its first institution of postsecondary education. A name change occurred in 1932, with Grand Junction State Junior College soon enrolling more than 200 students. Enrollment grew to 270 students by fall 1937, when the college was again renamed as Mesa Junior College. By July 1974, the college had evolved into a baccalaureate-granting institution, and enrollment had tripled from its 1967 numbers to reach a student population of nearly 4,000 by fall 1979.

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Self-Study Report, Introduction – Accreditation History: In its various incarnations, CMU has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) for 56 years. The NCA initially accredited Mesa College as a junior college in 1957. Accreditation at the baccalaureate level was granted in 1974 and reaffirmed in 1979, 1989, 1993, and 2003.

Since the last reaffirmation in 2003, the HLC has approved the addition of the:

- M.A. in Education (2005);
- initial implementation of two degree completion programs delivered by distance learning technologies: the A.A.S./R.N. in Nursing and the B.A. in Liberal Arts supporting elementary education licensure (2006);
- addition of five programs delivered by distance technologies: Technical Certificate in Business; Associate of Arts; B.S. in Sports Management; B.A.S. in Radiologic Technology; and B.A.S. in Public Administration/Public Safety (2009); and
- expansion of the Nursing program to include the M.S.N., the third master's level program to be offered at CMU, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice, CMU's first doctoral level program (2010).

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