## <u>Day 36</u>: Did you know that CMU is one of 1,330 degree-granting colleges and universities accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)?

HLC is one of six regional accrediting bodies with responsibilities that span the 19 states shown in the map below. The Commission evaluates an entire organization *in terms of its mission* against the agency's criteria and does not accredit any programs or specific elements of an institution. HLC approval, however, is required for program accreditation.

Colorado Mesa was initially accredited in 1957, with its accreditation reaffirmed consistently since then. The University's most recent reaffirmation by HLC was in 2014 for a period of ten years.

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