



## **HLC: 31 Days and Counting...Did You Know?**

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**Did you know that external indicators of the currency of CMU's courses and programs include the gtPathways approval process, program review results, pass rates of CMU students on licensure exams, and success in student competitions?**

*Self-Study Report, Evidence Item Evidence Item 3A1-1: External evidence indicates that CMU's courses and programs are current and require levels of performance by students appropriate to the degree or certificate awarded.*

External program reviewers comment favorably on the comparability of CMU programs with similar offerings at other institutions... The role of the external reviewer is to provide an unbiased review of the program... The comments these reviewers make about program comparability with other institutions of higher education are pertinent to proof of currency and rigor...

CMU's students perform well on discipline-specific licensure or exit examinations... Average pass rates attained by CMU graduates on licensure and certification examinations generally show them to be comparable to or above statewide and/or national pass rates...

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education provides oversight of certain aspects of course and program offerings at public institutions in Colorado, including CMU. In response to Colorado Revised Statutes 23-1-125, also known as the Colorado Student Bill of Rights, CCHE staff and representatives of institutions created and implemented policies and procedures regarding general education core courses, credit hour limits for degree programs, and transferability of coursework. Thus Colorado has developed a statewide guaranteed transfer – the gtPathways Program – and a statewide transfer policy. The approval process for gtPathways approval is an indicator that other institutions in the state believe CMU's approved general education courses are current and require levels of performance by students appropriate to the degree awarded.

CMU's students participate in performances and competitions at local, state, and national levels and perform competitively. The level of student performance in these events provides evidence that CMU degree programs serve students well, that the University's students perform competitively, and that their education is current, rigorous, and comparable to that offered at other institutions.

### **To learn more:**

- Click [here](#) to read more of the PDF version of the report.
- Click [here](#) to read the related core-component in the web-version of the report.

Please note that in the Self-Study Report, maroon text indicates the HLC's criteria for accreditation, while CMU's response is in black text, with links to supporting documentation identified by blue text (available only in web-version of the report in MAVzone).