



**HLC: 35 Days and Counting...Did You Know?**  
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**Did you know that accreditation supports continuous improvement to the quality of education at CMU, as well as maintains eligibility for CMU students to receive federal financial aid?**

Accreditation is important because it:

- Serves as a process of institutional self-evaluation and continuous improvement.
- Demonstrates compliance with criteria specified by CMU's accreditation body, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
- Provides public assurance and validation of the quality of education at CMU to its degree-holders seeking jobs or admission to graduate programs around the country.
- Establishes eligibility of CMU students for federal financial aid.
- Fulfills a requirement for CMU programs that pursues specialized accreditation.