

eCore Faculty Training & Certification

All current and new eCore faculty complete a two-week initial eCore certification course, offered online. The course is offered each term for new eCore faculty. In addition to the two week online certification course, the faculty are required to attend a face-to-face workshop conducted at the University of West Georgia or an online workshop via Wimba in order to earn certification.

Online Course Content for Faculty Certification Program:

Module 1: Faculty Expectations and Information. Readings, Discussion Posting, One Live Wimba Meeting, Quiz. 4 days

Module 2: Vista 8. Readings, Exercises, Discussion Board Q/A, Quiz. 4 days

Module 3: Student Support and Retention. Readings, Discussion Posting, Quiz. 4 days

Module 4: Online Teaching. Readings, Discussion Posting, Quiz. 3 days

	# of Faculty Certified for Academic Term
Summer 2009	35
Fall 2009	20
Spring 2010	5
Summer 2010	6

The Curriculum & Instruction Director emails teaching tips and eCore course protocol to instructors routinely. A GeorgiaView Vista course called the Garden of eCore is also available as a tool for mentoring and sharing of experiences/information. The eCore Annual Meeting is conducted annually for faculty. Webinars are conducted periodically for eCore faculty for technical training purposes and professional development.

Faculty Support Survey 2009

Fall 2009 eCore faculty were invited to participate in a brief online survey regarding their satisfaction with eCore support, training, and program changes since UWG became the administrative provider in June 2009. Of the 59 faculty polled, 41 responded.

Overall, Fall 2009 eCore faculty indicated a strong level of satisfaction with both the new eCore administration and the changes that have taken place. Specifically:

89 percent agreed that the changes that UWG has made to eCore are improvements. 98 percent said that their questions and needs are quickly addressed by eCore administrators. 93 percent agreed that eCore administration is "very supportive" of faculty. 100 percent agreed that eCore administration is "very supportive" of students. 93 percent said that they enjoy their work as an eCore instructor.

Things are Growing in The Garden of eCore!



*Garden of eCore Faculty Community Homepage

eCore Faculty Mentorship

During the 2009 summer semester, all eCore faculty were veteran (returning) eCore faculty. In Fall 2009, there were four new faculty who were mentored informally by having auditor access to veteran faculty member's courses. Additionally those experienced faculty members were available via email for questions from the new eCore instructors. A formal mentorship program was established for Spring semester 2010.