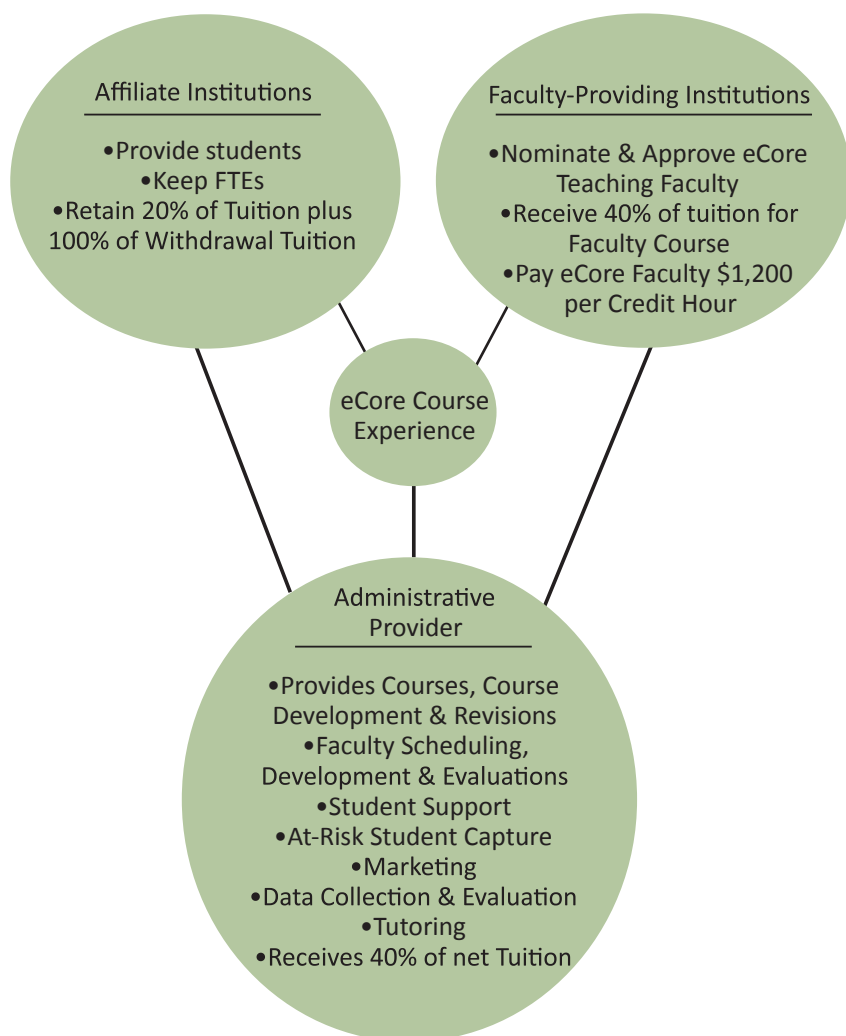


Collaborative Model



eCore Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges

In 2001, the initial five eCore Affiliate institutions (Georgia Highlands College, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Columbus State University, Clayton State University) participated in a system distance education substantive change visit by SACS. As a result of the visit, those institutions were considered compliant with SACS regulations for the delivery of online courses for the eCore program.

American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE)

In November 2004, the AALE granted eCore Certification through November 2008. Accreditation by AALE signifies institutional integrity and a strong commitment to liberal education. Membership certifies that the institution meets or exceeds the Academy's independently established Education Standards. These standards require students to complete demanding core studies in the arts, sciences, and humanities taught by senior, as well as junior, faculty. Consequently, AALE's Education Standards provide stakeholders in higher education, including parents and prospective students, with a clear means for identifying curricula with a focused, well-articulated core of languages, history, mathematics, science, literature, philosophy, and other elements of a liberal education.