

Faculty Who Taught Courses

Instruction

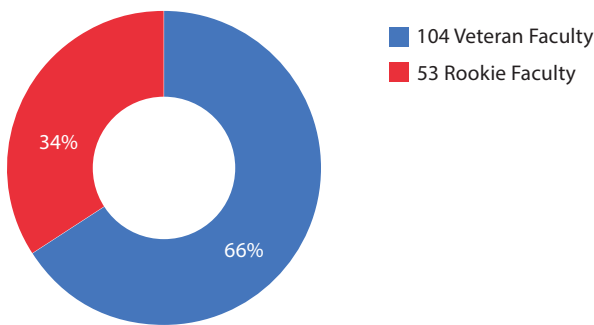
During fiscal year 2014, 157 faculty members taught eCore courses. They represented 22 accredited colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia (see faculty map above).

Number of eCore Faculty	Sections Taught
64	1
71	2
18	3
3	4
1	5

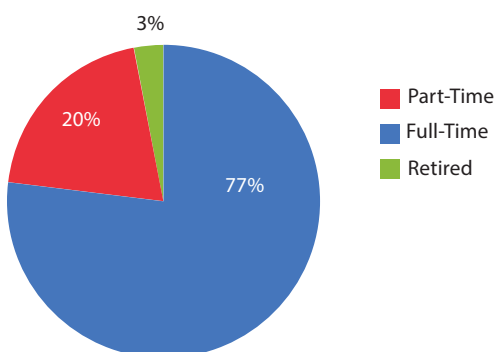
eCore Teaching Experience

Of the 157 faculty members, 104 were veteran faculty and 53 were rookie instructors with FY 2014 marking their first year with eCore. The majority of the faculty members (77%) have full-time status at their institutions, while only 20% are part-time and 3% are retired.

FY 2014 eCore Faculty



FY 2014 eCore Faculty Employment Status at Home Institution



eCore Faculty Training and Certification

All potential eCore Faculty are required to complete a two-week eCore certification course. During FY 2014, 69 instructors from 18 colleges in the University System of Georgia successfully completed certification through this online asynchronous course. The fundamentals in eCore policy, procedure and pedagogy were covered; and all members were effectively coached and guided in preparation of teaching eCore students. Additionally, each new faculty member was provided with a DEMO course specific to his/her subject area in which guided tasks could be completed and course content could be reviewed. At the end of the certification, all faculty were provided with an opportunity to attend and interact in the live wrap-up webcast.

Online Course Content for Faculty Certification Program:

Module 1: eCore Philosophy & Expectations (3 days)

Module 2: Course Completion, Student Success & You (3 days)

Module 3: Assessments, Evaluations & Exams (2 days)

Module 4: Online Teaching Strategies (4 days)

Module 5: eCore Proficiency (3 days)

eCore Faculty Certification Wrap-Up Webinar: Blackboard Collaborate session (1 day)

Number of Faculty Certified for FY 2014

Summer 2013	15
Fall 2013	31
Spring 2014	23
Total Certified	69

Certified USG eCore Faculty by Sector in FY 2014

Sector	Institution	Number of Faculty
Research Universities		
	Georgia Regents University	1
Comprehensive Universities		
	Kennesaw State University	1
	University of West Georgia	11
	Valdosta State University	5
State Universities		
	Albany State University	1
	Clayton State University	4
	Savannah State University	10
	Southern Polytechnic State University	1
	University of North Georgia	9
State Colleges		
	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	5
	Atlanta Metropolitan State College	6
	College of Coastal Georgia	2
	Dalton State College	2
	Darton State College	1
	Georgia Gwinnett College	2
	Georgia Perimeter College	1
	Gordon State College	2
	Middle Georgia State College	5
Total		69

Revised Courses

Revision and Development

During FY 2014, ten courses were revised by a total of twenty content experts.

eCore Course Revision FY 14	Number of Faculty
COMM 1100 - Human Communication	2
ENGL 1101 - English Composition I	2
ENGL 1102 - English Composition II	2
MATH 1101 - Mathematical Modeling	2
MATH 1111 - College Algebra	2
MATH 1113 - Pre-Calculus	2
MATH 1401 - Introduction to Statistics	2
MATH 1501 - Calculus	2
PHYS 1211K - Principles of Physics I and Lab	2
POLS 1101 - American Government	2

Assessment of New and Revised Courses

Faculty and the instructional design team perform a 5-Star Review of new and revised courses, once they are developed. Faculty teaching a new or revised course in its first live semester are also asked to submit a 5-Star Review at the mid-point of the semester. The 5-Star Review is an assessment of whether the course meets the highest standards of widely-recognized principles of good practice in five areas: Course Introduction and Information; Learning Materials/Content; Assessment and Evaluation; Instructional Design and Interaction; Course Technology, Innovation, and Accessibility.

Current Initiatives

SMARTHINKING and GoVIEW Integration

A Smarthinking icon was added to all eCore courses in Spring 2014. The icon was linked to the main Smarthinking page initially and then later updated to include the integrated login page link. Smarthinking provides free tutoring to eCore students.



Course Homepage Updates:

The eCore Course homepage was redesigned to be more mobile friendly in Spring 2014. The number of columns displayed was reduced from 3 to 2 and all widgets were repositioned to maximize visibility on a variety of mobile devices.

A Tutor Talk widget was added to all MATH eCore courses in Fall 2013. The Tutor Talk widget provides quick access to the Tutor Discussion forum in courses.