

Military Initiative

The University System of Georgia is expanding its military-centered programs and other state-wide initiatives to support military personnel and their families who wish to pursue educational opportunities in Georgia. The majority of eCore affiliate institutions now support military students with campus facilities or centers.

In order to increase program awareness, eCore continues to build relationships with each of Georgia's major military bases and partner institutions' Veterans Resource Centers. eCore also reached out directly to service members and veterans through military and veteran sponsored education and career events.

The eCore enrollment team continues to develop relationships with affiliate offices that are located on military bases or with the base Education Service Officer for all eight of Georgia's major military bases and posts. This segment of Adult Learners is growing and is funded through the GI Bill. Veterans and Active Duty Military in Georgia represent about 9% of the state's population compared to approximately 1% for the United States as a whole.

Joint/Dual Enrollment Initiative

Qualifying high school students, including those who are home schooled, can take advantage of eCore's online curriculum through Joint/Dual enrollment programs. Taking college level core courses while continuing with high school studies offers advantages including rigorous and challenging coursework, exposure to a fully online learning environment, financial incentive, and faster postsecondary degree completion.

The eCore enrollment team continues to execute a strategic communications campaign in support of dual enrollment. Specifically, eCore partners with affiliate dual enrollment representatives and engages every level of the state's high school leadership structure to include school boards, superintendents, principals and counselors.

Future

In 2015-2016, eCore expects rapid expansion due to an increase in the number of affiliate partners, partly influenced by the 9 September, 2014 Board of Regents eCore Resolution. Georgia's new non-needs based grant (MOWR, enacted 1 July 2015) significantly increases dual credit enrollment funding and is expected to increase online dual enrollment proportionally. Additionally, eCore expects to increase course offerings and availability of Open Educational Resources.

For this Fact Book supporting FY 2015, the eCore affiliate institutions have provided demographic, campus comparative grade, and course preparation data.