## **State Initiative Alignment**

Strategies and initiatives implemented by the University System of Georgia's statewide collaboratives can address a wide range of barriers to the student, demonstrating true effectiveness in targeted populations. eCore strives to be a part of the solution set to help streamline a quality education through degree completion. Efforts require continual communication between eCore Support Services Team and the eCore Regents Advisory Council (RAC), University System Board of Regents and the Adult Learning Consortium/RAC-AL.

As a statewide initiative, eCore is instrumental in taking important steps toward identifying and serving targeted populations and partnering with other collaboratives to create seamless pathways by increasing the array of online options. Outreach broadened in 2015 - 2016 as eCore executed effective strategies.

## **eCampus**

Developed in the Spring of 2016, eCampus is a service unit of the University System of Georgia that partners with USG institutions to provide quality, affordable, high demand, post-secondary online degrees and credentials that address the workplace needs of Georgia and beyond. Program development is still being identified across the state, but the degrees are ideal for traditional students, working professionals, military members, and anyone looking to continue their education for a competitive advantage in today's job market. Another important feature regarding programs within eCampus is their ability to be delivered in 8-week sessions and in a competency-based format in order to shorten time to degree completion.

The pilot program within the eCampus framework was an Associate of Science in Information Technology degree and was collaboratively developed under the academic direction of Middle Georgia State University and eCore Support Services.

## eCampus Mission

We leverage resources to support and foster revolutionary, affordable, and quality higher education pathways to enhance the economic, cultural, and social interests of the people of Georgia. Our vision is for Georgia to be the most highly-educated state in America, with graduates who utilize their knowledge and skills to make Georgia the most desirable place to live.

## **Complete College Georgia**

The eCore program has an important role in the Complete College Georgia plan to accelerate the number of college graduates in the upcoming years. As a University System of Georgia collaborative, eCore is dedicated to acknowledging and addressing economic realities while focusing on creating a student culture of connection and quality.

eCore provides accessible, flexible, and affordable higher education course options that support the following Complete College Georgia initiatives:

Go Back Move Ahead is an integrated marketing campaign that is aimed at assisting Georgia residents who have some college but no degree to return and complete credentials. eCore and eMajor collaborative programs are vital partners to the campaign's success in providing ease of transition and access for the state's adult learners.

High Demand Career Initiative is focused on tomorrow's workforce and filling Georgia's employment gaps in high demand industry fields.

Move On When Ready is Georgia's non-need based grant that provides funding for tuition and books for dual credit courses. eCore provides high school students an opportunity to take courses for college credit even if they do not have daily access to a college campus.