

# General Information

## eCore Mission

eCore provides University System of Georgia students the opportunity to successfully and affordably complete the first two years of their collegiate careers in an online environment. eCore Support Services delivers effective and efficient overall program management, including support for: student success; faculty recruitment, support and training; course development; evaluation; proctored exam scheduling; and marketing.

## History

1999: The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG), in collaboration with its institutions, began developing a fully online set of courses that would allow a student to complete core curriculum courses in Areas A-E for science and non-science majors. eCore became an award-winning, high quality, accessible set of interactive online courses that meet defined learning outcomes. eCore courses may be offered by any USG institution, taken by any USG student, and taught by any approved USG faculty member. (From 2000-2006 Factbook).

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 distance education substantive change visit by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC). As a result of the visit, those institutions were considered compliant with SACS regulations for the delivery of eCore online courses. To date, several affiliate partners have successfully undergone reaffirmation visits from SACS-COC.

2009: The University of West Georgia began providing support services for USG eCore.

2010: eCore became fully scalable and self-sustaining.

2012: eCore implemented 8-week short session courses within the Fall and Spring semesters. Course sessions include a short session /SS1 followed by a short session / SSII.

2014: On September 9, 2014 The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia issued a resolution supporting an expansion that would make eCore's online general education offerings available to students at all USG comprehensive universities, state universities, and state colleges. eCore, as a catalyst for increased statewide access to affordable and flexible education, will assist the college and university partners with retaining and graduating existing students as well as offering appeal to new and underserved populations.

eCore lowered tuition rates from \$189 to \$169 per credit hour.