**Section 1501.304 Statewide and Regional Planning**

a) Program planning is based on an assessment of program needs within districts, regions, and the State as a whole. Program approval shall be based, in part, on the labor market and economic needs of the district or regional consortium of colleges requesting authority to offer specific curricula.

b) Approval of statewide and regional curricula is limited to three years, after which the program must be reapproved by the Board or it is automatically converted to district approval.

c) Admission of Students to Regional Curricula. Regions, or regional consortia of colleges, may comprise a community college district and one or more adjacent districts; e.g., some or all surrounding districts or the regional university/community college consortium. A college that offers approved regional curricula shall admit qualified students from throughout the Region on the same priority basis as in-district students.

d) Admission of Students to Statewide Curricula. A college that offers approved statewide curricula shall admit qualified students from throughout the State on the same priority basis as in-district students.

(Source: Amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 12514, effective September 21, 2021)