

Illinois Community College Board

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
Time Limits on Statewide and Regional Curricula**

These proposed rule changes limit approval of Statewide and Regional Curricula to three years. Currently, these programs are approved to be offered indefinitely, even as conditions that warranted the program to be approved in such a format have changed. In addition, the rules are being amended to specify that a pandemic classifies as an emergency for purposes of exemption from academic calendar day requirements.

This proposed rulemaking was published in the *Illinois Register* (44 Ill. Reg. 17524; November 6, 2020) for the formal public comment period. No public comments have been received in response to the proposed rules. The proposed amendments to the ICCB Administrative Rules are being submitted to the Board for approval prior to submission to JCAR for final review and adoption.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following amendments to the *Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board* and authorizes its Executive Director to process the amendments in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act.

TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION  
CHAPTER VII: ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACT  
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1501.APPENDIX A Fee Schedule for Data Matching

AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Articles II and III and Section 6-5.3 of the Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805].

SOURCE: Adopted at 6 Ill. Reg. 14262, effective November 3, 1982; codified at 7 Ill. Reg. 2332; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 16118, effective November 22, 1983; Sections 1501.103, 1501.107 and 1501.108 recodified to 2 Ill. Adm. Code 5175 at 8 Ill. Reg. 6032; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 14262, effective July 25, 1984; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 19383, effective September 28, 1984; emergency amendment at 8 Ill. Reg. 22603, effective November 7, 1984, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 8 Ill. Reg. 24299, effective December 5, 1984, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 3691, effective March 13, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 9470, effective June 11, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 16813, effective October 21, 1985; amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 3612, effective January 31, 1986; amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 14658, effective August 22, 1986; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 7606, effective April 8, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 18150, effective October 27, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 6660, effective March 25, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 15973, effective September 23, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 16699, effective September 23, 1988; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 19691, effective November 15, 1988; amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 1182, effective January 13, 1989; amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 14904, effective September 12, 1989; emergency amendment at 14 Ill. Reg. 299, effective November 9, 1989, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment expired on April 9, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 4126, effective March 1, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 10762, effective June 25, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 11771, effective July 9, 1990; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 13997, effective August 20, 1990; expedited correction at 18 Ill. Reg. 3027, effective August 20, 1990; amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 10929, effective July 11, 1991; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 12445, effective July 24, 1992; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 17621, effective November 6, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 1853, effective February 2, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 4635, effective March 9, 1994; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 8906, effective June 1, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 2299, effective February 14, 1995; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 2816, effective February 21, 1995; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 7515, effective May 26, 1995; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 5891, effective April 22, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 2087, effective January 12, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 17472, effective July 10, 1998; amended at 24 Ill.

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Reg. 249, effective December 21, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 17522, effective November 20, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 7161, effective May 18, 2001; emergency amendment at 25 Ill. Reg. 12863, effective September 28, 2001, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired February 24, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 646, effective January 7, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 17204, effective October 31, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 14092, effective October 18, 2004; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 6239, effective April 25, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 2755, effective February 21, 2006; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 16396, effective September 23, 2008; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 14054, effective September 29, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 11274, effective August 28, 2017; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 15723, effective December 18, 2017; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 2819, effective January 24, 2018; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 18869, effective October 3, 2018; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 24855, effective December 17, 2018; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 7454, effective June 20, 2019; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

SUBPART C: PROGRAMS

**Section 1501.303 Program Requirements**

- a) **Comprehensive Program.** The programs of a college shall be comprehensive and shall include: pre-baccalaureate, occupational, and general studies curricula, and public service programs.
- b) **Degrees and Certificates.** A college shall award associate degrees and certificates in accordance with units of instruction approved by ICCB. This authority is not extended to administrative units of the college.
- c) **Honorary Degrees.** Honorary degrees awarded by a board shall be limited to the associate degree.
- d) **Review and Evaluation of Programs.**
  - 1) A college shall have a systematic, collegewide program review process for evaluating all of its instructional, student services, and academic support programs at least once within a five-year cycle.
  - 2) The minimum review criteria for program review shall be program need, program cost, and program quality, as defined by each college.
  - 3) The review of academic disciplines, student and academic support, cross-disciplinary instruction (remedial education, adult education and vocational skills), and career and technical education shall be scheduled according to the published ICCB schedule. A college shall follow the published schedule set by ICCB that shows when each program will be reviewed during a five-year cycle. If a college seeks an exception to the published schedule, the college must receive written approval from ICCB.
  - 4) The five-year schedule of program review is determined through a combination of several factors, including but not limited to:
    - A) National trends that consider high need, high demand sectors;

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- B) Accreditation requirements in specific occupational areas;
  - C) Areas that the agency has determined are in specific need of review based upon industry trends;
  - D) Feedback from local community colleges;
  - E) Changes in federal priorities, including specific updates to CIP classifications;
  - F) Other factors as appropriate.
- 5) ICCB may request the college to include special reviews of programs that have been identified as a result of State-level analyses, legislative resolutions, or Illinois Board of Higher Education policy studies by notifying the college of this request before January 1 of the year the special review is to be conducted.
- 6) A college shall keep on file for ICCB recognition purposes a copy of the current program review process, its five-year schedule for program review, and complete reports of program reviews conducted during the past five years.
- 7) A college shall submit to ICCB by September 1 each year a summary report of its previous year's program review results in a format designated by the ICCB and a copy of the current five-year schedule of program reviews. If an institution cannot meet this deadline, a written request for an extension shall be submitted to ICCB for approval.
- e) Academic Calendar.
- 1) A college shall operate on an academic calendar that provides at least two academic terms consisting of at least 15 weeks (at least 75 days of instruction each), three academic terms consisting of at least 10 weeks (at least 50 days of instruction each) or a different combination of academic terms consisting of at least 30 weeks (at least 150 days of instruction).
  - 2) The days of instruction prescribed in subsection (e)(1) shall include all days when there is a full schedule of classes and support services, but will exclude holidays, Saturdays, Sundays, and days scheduled exclusively for registration, orientation, collegewide placement or assessment testing, faculty workshops, and final examinations.
  - 3) Colleges may include terms during the summer or any other time during the year, in addition to the ones identified in subsection (e)(1).
  - 4) Courses/classes may be scheduled between academic terms, spanning academic terms, for a shorter time frame than the academic term, or for a longer time frame than the academic term, if the schedule provides sufficient duration and contact hours to meet the requirements in Sections 1501.309(b) and 1501.507(b)(10).

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- 5) If an emergency such as a fire, flood, [pandemic](#), or strike makes it necessary for the college to shorten one of its academic terms, the college may request that the Executive Director approve a shorter term. In such cases, the length of the term may be shortened, but only to the extent that enables all courses to meet the contact hours specified in Section 1501.309(b).
- 6) Colleges must have a plan in place to address modifications to the academic terms in the event of an emergency. This plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- f) Preparation of Professional Staff. Professional staff shall be educated and prepared in accordance with generally accepted standards and practices for teaching, supervising, counseling and administering the curriculum or supporting system to which they are assigned. Such preparation may include collegiate study and professional experience. Graduate work through the master's degree in the assigned field or area of responsibility is expected, except in those areas in which the work experience and related training is the principal learning medium.
- g) Library. A college shall maintain a library or learning resource center with a collection of reference works and other learning resources to meet the specific needs of its curricula and students. This collection shall be kept up to date through a planned program of acquisition and deletion.
- h) Supplies and Equipment. Classrooms, laboratories, and shops shall be provided with equipment and supplies that are adequate for effective teaching and learning.
- i) General Education. Organized curricula leading to an associate degree shall include general education courses designed to contribute to the liberal education of each student.
- j) Apprenticeships. A college that participates in apprenticeships coordinated by the Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor and/or other programs related to business, industrial, or trade groups or organizations shall meet applicable federal, State, and local governmental rules, regulations, and guidelines.

(Source: Amended at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**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.](#)
- [cb\) 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](#)

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college that offers approved regional curricula shall admit qualified students from throughout the Region on the same priority basis as in-district students.

- de) 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 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**BACKGROUND**

The Illinois General Assembly created the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) in 1977. It is a bipartisan legislative oversight committee, and it has been delegated the responsibility to ensure that the laws enacted are appropriately implemented through administrative law. The Board, and all state agencies, has the authority to draft rules, publish them for public comment, and file them with JCAR for adoption. The compilation of all rules is known as the Illinois Administrative Code. a