



## *For Immediate Release*

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### **BridgeValley Community and Technical College to guarantee admission for two New River Community and Technical College students each year for its Dental Hygiene program**

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**(South Charleston, WV)** BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC) and New River Community and Technical College (NRCTC) are making it easier and more affordable than ever for West Virginians to study dental hygiene.

Students can now study prerequisite courses at NRCTC, then transfer to BVCTC and have guaranteed placement in the two-year dental hygiene program. Two NRCTC students will be able to take advantage of this opportunity each year, effectively streamlining their academic pathways by eliminating duplicate courses.

BVCTC Interim President Dr. Casey Sacks and NRCTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver signed the Dental Hygiene Articulation agreement on December 17, 2021. The partnership will continue on an annual basis and become effective upon approval by NRCTC and BVCTC.

“We anticipate this agreement will be immediately successful for both of our colleges,” Sacks said. “NRCTC students will be able to work toward their certification in dental hygiene more efficiently, and we look forward to welcoming them onto our campus.”

“I am so pleased that NRCTC has this partnership with BVCTC. Building this bridge between the two colleges increases program access to NRCTC’s students and demonstrates that joint partnerships between neighboring institutions is beneficial to the communities we serve,” Copenhaver said.

To learn more about how to get started in the dental hygiene program at BVCTC, visit [bridgevalley.edu/dental-hygiene-admissions](http://bridgevalley.edu/dental-hygiene-admissions).

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#### About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher

education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014, and serves a seven-county region including Fayette, Kanawha, Clay, Putnam, Cabell, Mason, and Wayne counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.