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New Partnership Between New River CTC and BridgeValley to Help Students Transfer into Dental Hygiene Program

Montgomery, WV - New River Community and Technical College and BridgeValley Community and Technical College officials have signed an agreement to allow New River CTC students to transfer into BridgeValley's Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene program. The agreement is the first of its kind for the region, as neither institution has previously established an articulation agreement with another community college.

Starting with the 2019-20 academic year, annually two New River CTC students who successfully complete the pre-requisites and meet all admissions requirements will be guaranteed admission into the BridgeValley dental hygiene program.

"This agreement increases access to students in our service region who are interested in studying dental hygiene and eliminates the repetition of courses by providing a pathway between taking prerequisite course at New River CTC and completing a degree at BridgeValley," explained New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver.

"We're excited about the opportunity that this agreement presents," added BridgeValley Dental Hygiene Program Chair Dr. Michelle Klenk. "We know that there's a need for dental hygienists in southern West Virginia, and this partnership will help us to connect students to jobs and aid local dentists in finding qualified employees."

For more information on course offerings at New River CTC, visit newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

For specific information on dental hygiene, program admission and prerequisite information visit bridgevalley.edu/dental-hygiene or email michelle.klenk@bridgevalley.edu.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeastern West Virginia from the Greenbrier Valley Campus (Lewisburg), Mercer County Campus (Princeton), Nicholas County Campus (Summersville) and Raleigh County Campus (Beaver).



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 serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new 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.

For more information about BridgeValley Community and Technical College financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call (304) 205-6600 or; or check the College's website:

<http://www.bridgevalley.edu>