



# Admissions FAQ

❖ **Where is the best place to find information about the program?**

BridgeValley website: <http://www.bridgevalley.edu/dental-hygiene>

❖ **What prerequisites do I have to take?**

Courses are listed on the website and on printed materials. All prerequisites must be completed before beginning the program. They may be “in progress” during the admissions process and prerequisite year.

❖ **Do you require a certain ACT/SAT score?**

The program does not have an ACT/SAT score requirement. Prerequisite courses do require certain ACT levels to be eligible to register.

❖ **Will courses transfer from another institution?**

Courses may be taken at another institution and transferred to BridgeValley. All non-DENT courses qualify for transfer, but must be equivalent to the BridgeValley prerequisite course. Questions regarding transfer may be directed by email to [Amanda.jones@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:Amanda.jones@bridgevalley.edu). In order to assess transferability you will need to provide course name, course number, credit hours awarded, course description and institution name.

❖ **Where are the dental hygiene courses offered?**

The DENT courses and clinics are offered on the Montgomery campus. All prerequisite courses are offered at either our South Charleston or Montgomery campus.

❖ **How can I take the DENT 100 Introduction to Dental Hygiene course as a prerequisite if I am not a BridgeValley student?**

The DENT 100 course is an online offering that can be taken while completing prerequisite courses at another institution. You would be registered as a transient student to take this course.

❖ **How do I apply for admission?**

Visit the BridgeValley Dental Hygiene/Admissions website and complete the following:

Online Dental Hygiene Application

Online BridgeValley Application  
Submit Shadowing Verification form (dental.hygiene@bridgevalley.edu)  
Submit two Recommendation Letters (dental.hygiene@bridgevalley.edu)  
Ensure all previous high school and college transcripts are sent to the BridgeValley admissions office.

❖ **What are the shadowing requirements?**

Applicants must complete 20 hours of shadowing a dental hygienist, not a dentist. The applicant must complete the shadowing verification form available on the website and have the dental hygienist sign before submitting to [dental.hygiene@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:dental.hygiene@bridgevalley.edu). There is no timeframe limitation for the shadowing verification and it does not have to be in one office. A separate verification form must be submitted for each dental hygienist shadowed. The total hours must add up to 20 once all forms are submitted.

❖ **Who should complete my reference letters?**

The reference letters may be completed by anyone you believe would attest to your ability to meet the challenges of the program and be successful. Former applicants have used teachers, employers, dentists, dental hygienists, clergy, etc.

❖ **What is the deadline for submitting application materials?**

January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for priority consideration. The admissions process continues until August when classes begin.

❖ **How many students are admitted?**

The program admits 22 students.

❖ **When should I hear if I am admitted?**

The admissions committee strives to notify candidates by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **What are the decisions the admissions committee can make?**

- **Admitted** without contingencies (candidate has all prerequisites completed and grades available for committee to review)
- **Admitted contingent upon completion of prerequisite courses** (candidate is in the process of completing prerequisites and has enough completed for committee to see positive potential toward completing prerequisites at competitive level. Admission is guaranteed if candidate meets all contingencies. If prerequisites are not completed, admission offer is rescinded and another candidate will be offered the position.
- **Alternate list contingent upon completion of prerequisite courses.** (candidate is in the process of completing prerequisites, but needs to display more competitive grades in spring semester) This is not a guarantee of admission.
- **Denial** is given to those candidates who do not display an ability to complete prerequisites on time or at a competitive level.