



Bridge2College FAQ's

Q: What is Bridge2College?

A: Bridge2College is an early college program where high school students take college courses for college credit. Depending on the course, your high school may also take the credit for high school credit as well. Earned credits can be applied towards a degree at River Valley Community College (RVCC) or can be transferred to another college or university.

Q: What is the advantage of taking courses through Bridge2College?

A: Bridge2College gives motivated students the opportunity to take college level courses while in high school – and at an affordable rate! You might take courses your high school doesn't offer or get started on your career! You will be exposed to various career paths and learn what is expected in college academic life. You can accelerate your time towards a degree or certificate that will save you time and money.

Q: I'm interested! How do I get started?

A: Meet with your high school guidance counselor. Together, you will decide if you are ready and can determine which college course would best meet your needs and interests. Your guidance counselor can also advise you as to whether the course will satisfy a high school requirement. The program is open to high school Juniors and Seniors. Exceptions can be made for younger students who are highly motivated, academically prepared, and have permission from their high school guidance counselor and parents/guardians.

When you meet with your guidance counselor or high school advisor, fill out the enrollment form in your packet. You can also print out the online form. List the courses you want to take. Make sure your guidance counselor or advisor signs the form. If you are under 18 years of age, your parent/guardian will also need to sign the form.

Bring this form to your local RVCC location (Claremont, Keene, or Lebanon) to Advising. You may want to call first to set up an appointment.

Courses offered for the upcoming term can be found by clicking on the Courses/Registrar link on the home page at www.rivervalley.edu.

- Q: Does the program accept home-schooled students?
- A: Yes! Make an appointment with a guidance counselor from your area high school or an advisor that is associated with your home-school program. Follow the same process as described above.
- Q: What is the cost of this program?
- A: The current cost for a three credit course is \$322.00. This is heavily discounted over the typical fee of \$645.00 per three credit course. This tuition rate extends through the summer semester following high school graduation. You are responsible for purchasing your textbooks, materials, and lab fees. You are also responsible for your own transportation to the College. We cannot offer financial aid or other payment plans. Payment for the course is expected at the time of registration.
- Q: Can I take more than one course? What if the course is online?
- A: Good questions! These are decisions you make with your high school guidance counselor/advisor. Online courses are available but you may want to reflect on whether online courses are an appropriate fit with your learning style.
- Q: What happens to my credits after I graduate from high school?
- A: You can request an official transcript be sent to the college/university you are attending. If the course you take will be accepted for high school credit, your high school may ask for an official transcript. As a Bridge2College student, we will provide official transcripts at no charge. Your Bridge2College courses are part of your official academic record at River Valley Community College. We cannot, however, guarantee if another college or university will accept the credits you take at RVCC. That decision is made by the college or university you choose to attend.

We are pleased to offer the Bridge2College program to our high school community. For more information, contact:

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