

**Atrium Health Navicent offers high school students
an opportunity to learn about health careers**
Applications for summer program will be accepted through Feb. 6

MACON, Ga., Jan. 16, 2026 – Atrium Health Navicent is accepting applications for a four-week summer program that offers area high school sophomores and juniors the opportunity to shadow health care workers and receive hands-on training for health care careers.

The Realizing and Encouraging Adolescents to pursue Careers in Healthcare (REACH) program includes weekly professional engagement and development activities such as medical skills simulation, educational field trips, mentoring support and education about career opportunities at Atrium Health Navicent.

Students will also shadow a professional in interest areas such as nursing, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, radiology, health care administration, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, laboratory and medical practice management.

“Since REACH was launched in 2024, we’ve had two successful cohorts of young people who have had the opportunity to get in-depth and in-person experience in health care careers,” said Sheila Rawlins, Workforce Development and Career Innovations manager for Advocate Health, which Atrium Health Navicent is a part of. “We hope this program will not only encourage students in their educational journey, but also eventually lead them to fill the need for professional health care workers right here in central Georgia.”

The REACH program begins June 8 and lasts through July 2. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 6. The student application process includes an essay and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator. To be eligible for the program, students must:

- Be at least 16 years old at the start of the program
- Have a minimum, unweighted 2.5 GPA
- Have an interest in pursuing a career in health care
- Have a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor
- Complete and submit all required application materials by the application deadline
- If selected, must be able to participate and complete all four weeks of the program

Students attending Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Jones, Peach, Twiggs and Wilkinson County high schools are encouraged to apply.

Participating Atrium Health Navicent facilities include:

- Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
- Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin
- Atrium Health Navicent Peach
- Atrium Health Levine Children’s Beverly Knight Olson Children’s Hospital

To learn more or to apply, visit the link accessed via the QR code on the attached flyer.

About Atrium Health Navicent

Atrium Health Navicent is the leading provider of health care in central and south Georgia and is committed to its mission of elevating health and well-being through compassionate care. Atrium Health Navicent is part of [Advocate Health](#), which is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of Atrium Health and Advocate Aurora Health. Atrium Health Navicent provides high-quality, personalized care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region. As part of the largest, integrated, nonprofit health system in the Southeast, it is also able to tap into some of the nation’s leading medical experts and specialists with Atrium Health, allowing it to provide the best care close to home – including advanced innovations in virtual medicine and care. Throughout its 130-year history in the community, Atrium Health Navicent has remained dedicated to enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally

recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. It is also one of the leading teaching hospitals in the region, helping to ensure viability for rural health care for the next generation. For more information, please visit www.NavicentHealth.org.

About Advocate Health

[Advocate Health](#) is the third-largest nonprofit, integrated health system in the United States, created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and Atrium Health. Providing care under the names [Advocate Health Care](#) in Illinois; [Atrium Health](#) in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama; and [Aurora Health Care](#) in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health services nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, with [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) serving as the academic core of the enterprise. Advocate Health is nationally recognized for its expertise in heart and vascular, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs more than 160,000 teammates across 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations, and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to redefining care for all, Advocate Health provides more than \$6 billion in annual community benefits.

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