



## **Atrium Health Navicent program offers graduating high school seniors assistance as they pursue health care careers**

*Rise to Success program offers employment and tuition assistance*

**MACON, Ga., Feb. 3, 2026** – Atrium Health Navicent is now accepting applications for the Rise to Success program which offers graduating high school seniors employment and tuition assistance as they pursue health care careers. Applications are due March 1.

Since launching in 2023, the program has provided participants an opportunity to earn an associate degree at a local community college while gaining valuable on-the-job experience. Tuition, textbooks, activity fees and scrubs are paid for by Atrium Health Navicent.

“As hospitals across the nation continue to face a growing need for health care workers, it’s so very important that health systems do all we can to support those interested in pursuing health careers,” said Sheila Rawlins, Workforce Development and Career Innovations manager for Advocate Health, of which Atrium Health Navicent is a part. “In the past year, it’s been amazing to see some of the program’s first participants graduate with degrees and start full-time work in the health care field. Rise to Success gave them the extra support to achieve their dreams and we are so proud to be part of their career success.”

Eligible fields of study for the Rise to Success program include phlebotomy, pharmacy technology, emergency medical services and paramedic programs, clinical technician, medical laboratory technology, medical assistant, nursing, radiology, surgical technology, occupational therapy and respiratory therapy.

While earning an associate degree in one of these fields, participants work in entry-level positions such as guest services, patient services, registration, patient transport, nutrition, or in clerical or administrative positions. Participants are required to work at Atrium Health Navicent for an additional year after the completion of their associate degree.

Students are encouraged to continue their education after earning an associate degree by transferring to a four-year college or university while still working at Atrium Health Navicent.

Rise to Success program requirements include:

- Interest in pursuing a health care career
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Must have graduated with a high school diploma by June 15, 2026
- Must be 18 years of age by June 15, 2026
- Ability to manage work and school schedules
- Must be willing to work while in college
- Must complete and submit all required application materials

Rise to Success applications include essay questions and a teacher recommendation. Applicants also participate in interviews with Atrium Health Navicent teammates.

To apply, visit the Atrium Health Career Development Center [website](#). For additional information, email [CareerDevelopment@AtriumHealth.org](mailto:CareerDevelopment@AtriumHealth.org).

**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](http://www.NavicentHealth.org).

#### **About Advocate Health**

Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, [Advocate Health](#) is the third-largest nonprofit, integrated health system in the United States. A preeminent academic health system at the forefront of clinical excellence, innovation and research, it delivers care under the names [Advocate Health Care](#) in Illinois; [Atrium Health](#) in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama; and [Aurora Health Care](#) in Wisconsin and [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) is its academic core. Nationally recognized for expertise in heart and vascular, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, Advocate Health is also a pioneer in the delivery of virtual health care. It is accelerating discovery by making research participation part of the standard-of-care through its one-of-a-kind [National Center for Clinical Trials](#), plus two affiliated life-sciences-focused innovation districts and one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs. With more than 165,000 teammates serving patients at 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations across six states, Advocate Health reinvests over \$6 billion each year to improve community health, making it one of the nation's largest providers of community benefit.

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