

## **Atrium Health Navicent's Rise to Success Program Helps Train Future Health Care Workers** *Graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply by March 1*

**MACON, Ga., Feb. 5, 2024** – Graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for entrance into Atrium Health Navicent's Rise to Success program. Now in its second year, the program provides part-time employment and financial support for students pursuing health care careers.

Participants have the opportunity to earn an associate degree at a local community college while gaining valuable on-the-job experience, and with Atrium Health Navicent helping to pay for tuition, books and fees.

"Nationwide, there's a growing need for health care workers and we want to empower young people to seek these careers while earning their degree and gaining work experience close to home," said Gina Keadle, chief human resource officer for Atrium Health's Georgia region. "This program helps to remove barriers to education and provide an entry path into health care careers while offering an opportunity to earn income."

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

While earning an associate degree in one of these fields, participants will work part-time in areas such as guest services, patient services, registration, patient transport, nutrition, or in clerical or administrative positions.

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. Students will have access to a career coach who will support their academic work and success throughout the program.

In the program's first year, 10 selected students began their associate degree at Central Georgia Technical College, including Denia Bolton, a Rise to Success scholar and 2022 Peach County High School graduate.

"So far, the program has been great! I love the opportunities that I've grasped from this program," Bolton said. I expect to gain my associate degree out of this program and continue successfully with my career."

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 July 15, 2024
- Must be 18 years of age by July 15, 2024
- Ability to manage work and school schedules
- Must be willing to work while in college
- Work for Atrium Health Navicent for at least one year after graduating with an associate degree

Rise to Success applications are being accepted through March 1. The application includes essay questions and a teacher recommendation, as well as interviews with Atrium Health Navicent teammates. All application materials and essay questions must be submitted by March 1.

To apply, visit <https://redcap.link/Risenav2024>

**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 125-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).

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