

## **Atrium Health Navicent Launches Rise to Success Program to Help Train Health Care Workers of the Future**

*Graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply by March 1*

**MACON, Ga., Feb. 13, 2023** — Graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for entrance into Atrium Health Navicent's new Rise to Success Program which will provide 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.

"There's a growing need for health care workers across the country, including here at Atrium Health Navicent, and we want to empower young people to seek these careers while receiving education and work experience close to home," said Atrium Health Navicent Chief Human Resources Officer and Atrium Health Chief Experience Officer Vishal Bhalla. "By providing opportunities to these students, we're making an investment in the future of health care in our community and in our region's economy."

Eligible fields of study for the Rise to Success program include medical assistant, nurse, certified nursing assistant, occupational or physical therapy, phlebotomy, pharmacy technology, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, sonography and ultrasound, radiology and imaging.

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. The program is set to begin July 1, 2023.

Students wishing to continue their education after earning an associate degree may transfer to a four-year college or university while still working at Atrium Health Navicent and using funds available through the health system's education assistance allowance program.

Rise to Success program requirements include:

- Interest in pursuing a health care career
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Must be a graduating high school senior in central Georgia
- Must be 18 years old by Aug. 1, 2023
- Must be willing to start their education at a community college
- 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
- Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or willing to receive the vaccine.

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.

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

### **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 fifth-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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