

## **Atrium Health Navicent Continues Program to Help Georgians Start Careers in Health Care** *Bridge to Success is accepting applications Oct. 2 to Oct. 15*

**MACON, Ga., Oct. 1, 2024** – Applications will be accepted beginning Oct. 2 for an Atrium Health Navicent program that’s helping individuals jumpstart their health care careers. The Bridge to Success program, launched in central and south Georgia in 2023, helps selected applicants earn an associate degree by offering up to three years of up-front tuition and book assistance, with a maximum \$5,250 tuition cost.

To be eligible, applicants must have a high school degree, but not completed a college degree. While enrolled in the Bridge to Success program and working on an associate degree, participants will be hired by Atrium Health Navicent to work in a full-time position. Participants must be able to manage both a work and school schedule, and be willing to work full-time while participating in the program.

Bridge to Success seeks to help create a pipeline of trained workers to fill critical job roles in the health care field, while also investing in the financial well-being of our community. The program’s cohorts have included high school graduates from across central Georgia who are studying for careers in nursing, sonography, physical and occupational therapy, radiology, cardiovascular technology, and more.

“We are excited to see the interest this program has generated from students looking for an entryway into a health care career,” said Akilah Griffin, Advocate Health’s talent acquisition lead for Georgia who supports Atrium Health Navicent. “We look forward to offering more students this important on-the-job experience while they pursue their degrees.

Bridge to Success applications will be accepted Oct. 2 to Oct. 15. Selected applicants will begin work in the program’s third cohort in November. Applicants must submit an essay and professional recommendation.

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Interest in pursuing a health care career
- Must have graduated from high school or earned a GED equivalent within the last one to five years
- Must work for Atrium Health Navicent for at least one year after earning an associate degree through the program
- Must not have an existing college degree

To apply, visit <https://redcap.link/BTSNAV2025>.

### **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).

### **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. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs 155,000 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 providing equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides more than \$6 billion in annual community benefits.