

## Colquitt Regional Receives ANCC Pathway to Excellence Redesignation

Colquitt Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that it has received redesignation as a Pathway to Excellence® hospital from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).



The Pathway designation is a global credential that highlights Colquitt Regional's commitment to creating a healthy work environment where nurses feel empowered and valued.

"It is an honor for Colquitt Regional to be the first hospital in South Georgia to earn this designation," said President and CEO Jim Matney. "Achieving

redesignation reaffirms the high level of excellence we have maintained. We are incredibly proud of our Pathway team and nurses, whose hard work and dedication have been rightfully recognized through this achievement."

Colquitt Regional's nurses are an integral part of the healthcare team, with a voice in policy and practice. Pathway nurses are engaged, resulting in higher job satisfaction, reduced turnover, improved safety, and better patient outcomes.

Colquitt Regional began its first journey to Pathway to Excellence designation in 2015 and initiated a yearlong application process in 2019. It was announced in 2020 that the hospital first received its four-year designation. In 2023, the hospital began the process again to receive its second designation.

There are several qualifications that are necessary to be designated as a Pathway organization. The hospital must meet six practice standards that are essential to an ideal nursing practice environment. This includes shared decision-making, leadership, safety, quality, culture of well-being, and professional development.

A 235-page document was submitted to ANCC exemplifying the ways in which Colquitt Regional Medical Center meets these standards. After the approval of the submitted document, ANCC surveyed 446 of the hospital's LPNs, RNs, and Advanced Practice Nurses to validate the information submitted in the document.

"We are incredibly proud that we have earned our second Pathway designation," said Vice President of Patient Services and CNO Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE. "Achieving this recognition for a second time speaks volumes about the strong culture we've fostered here at Colquitt Regional and the unwavering dedication and resilience of our nurses. They continue to amaze me with their commitment and the exceptional care they provide every single day."

As a Pathway organization, Colquitt Regional leads the effort to enhance quality of care, patient and nursing safety, and the future of healthcare delivery.

“This redesignation not only reflects the exceptional care we provide to our patients but also highlights Colquitt Regional as an outstanding place for nurses to work and grow in their careers,” said Hospital Authority Chairman John Griffin. “It demonstrates our unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive, empowering environment where our nursing team can thrive and make a lasting impact on the communities we serve.”

For more information on the hospital’s Pathway to Excellence recognition, please contact the Colquitt Regional marketing department at 229-890-3552.

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