Baptist Golden Triangle partners with East Mississippi Community College to create surgical tech program

Baptist Golden Triangle recently started a partnership with East Mississippi Community College creating a surgical tech program. Surgery scrub techs work in operating rooms to assist surgeons and keep the room sterile.

EMCC wanted to start a surgical scrub tech program but didn’t have the space or capacity on their campus and Baptist Golden Triangle needed the ability to hire educated surgical scrub techs. So they decided to join forces to meet the need. After months of discussions and accreditation approvals, the surgery tech program started in January 2019.

Baptist Golden Triangle provides the classroom space on its hospital campus in addition to equipment, computers and a mock operating room for the 14 current students in the program. EMCC provides instructors for the classes. The program lasts two years with students earning an associate’s degree. The scrub tech program is the first of its kind in the Golden Triangle area.

Interest has been so high that EMCC is adding a second instructor to accommodate an additional five students.

As a result of this partnership, EMCC restored their paramedic program, moving into the same building on the Baptist Golden Triangle campus. These students will be EMT certified and can graduate with a certificate in as little as a year or up to two years if they want to earn an associate’s degree