Associates of Applied Science in Surgical Assisting

The AAS-SA degree being offered at Meridian Institute is beneficial for those students who have finished the Meridian SFA certificate program, looking to obtain their Associates degree. This program is designed to give the student a more detailed view into specialty courses, which directly impact the profession they now work in, and will help them gain a deeper understanding of anatomy and physiology, and procedures.

The Associates program currently requires completion of the Meridian SFA certificate program, allowing those 28 credit hours awarded to be transferred into the associates degree curriculum. The program will total 60 credit hours. Each student must take 15 credits of general education credits, along with 17 specialty course credits. Students with previous college may be able to transfer general education courses obtained there into the associates program. Below is a list of the courses that will be offered through Meridian for completion of the AAS-SA program:

**General Education Classes:**
- Computer Skills 3CR
- Communication 3CR
- Introduction to Psychology 3CR
- Introduction to Sociology 3CR
- Introduction to Business 3CR

**Specialty Courses:**
- Introduction to Radiology 3CR
- Advanced Principles of General And Peripheral Vascular Surgery 3CR
- Advanced Principles of Obstetrics And Gynecological Surgery 3CR
- Advanced Principles of Orthopedic Surgery 3CR
- Advanced Principles of Cardiovascular Surgery 3CR
- Surgical Safety 2CR

These courses will be offered on a 15 week semester schedule and will consist of online learning. The student will work with the program director to establish an education plan.