

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
<u>Introduction to Business</u>	<u>3CR</u>
	15CR

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
<u>Surgical Safety</u>	<u>2CR</u>
	17CR

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.