MASTER OF SURGICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

EASTERN VIRGINIA MEDICAL SCHOOL
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
The only master-level CAAHEP accredited program in the country, the EVMS Master of Surgical Assisting Program allows individuals with a four-year undergraduate degree to enter the specialized medical profession of Surgical Assisting without having prior medical training/certification.

EVMS Surgical Assisting graduates are actively sought out by employers based on their demonstrated competencies obtained during the didactic and clinical phases of the program.
The Master of Surgical Assisting Program is a 22-month training program that consists of 10 months of didactic learning and 12 months of clinical training. Students are exposed to surgical services that include perioperative, intraoperative and post-operative patient care.

During the pre-clinical training, students are immersed in hands-on instruction in the clinical environment of:

- Principles of Surgical Assisting
- Minimally Invasive Laparoscopic Skills
- Clinical Anatomy
- Surgical Microbiology
- Surgical Physiology
Following the completion of the didactic phase, students transition to the 12-month clinical training phase that includes the completion of eight 6-week rotations at varying local and national facilities. Students complete on average 488 clinical cases serving as the surgical first assistant through a variety of surgical areas including general, cardiac, orthopedic and obstetrics.

Program faculty are dedicated to guiding MSA students with the development of their professional portfolios. EVMS also partners with Intuitive Surgical to provide MSA students with the opportunity to earn daVinci Robotics Certification.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The MSA Program accepts applications from October 1 through May 1. Applicants must:

- Have an undergraduate degree
- Have a qualifying GPA of 3.00
- Be a US Citizen or have proof of permanent residency status
- Have completed the following prerequisites within the last 10 years with a B or higher:
  - Anatomy and Physiology I/II
  - General Biology
  - General Chemistry
  - Microbiology
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