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Dr. Stassen earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and earned her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, in Piscataway New Jersey.

Dr. Stassen then completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Where she was awarded the Golden Apple Teaching award her chief year. She subsequently completed a fellowship in trauma and critical care at the University of Louisville. While in Louisville she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Hiram C. Polk, Jr. on the genetic characterization of gamma interferon and its role in sepsis and the examination of altered immune function in the elderly trauma victim.

Dr. Stassen is certified by the American Board of Surgery in general surgery and surgical critical care. Dr. Stassen is also a past president of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and now serves as the EAST representative to the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors. She is also the chair of the AAST Emergency Surgery Course Sub-Committee, Immediate past Chair of the AAST Educational Development Committee and serves on the AAST Emergency Surgery course Steering Committee. She is the Chair of the American Board of Surgery Trauma, Burns and Surgical Critical Care board and is the Past Chair of the Surgical Critical Care Certifying Exam committee.