

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Aviation Flight Technology

Program FAQ Sheet

Is being a pilot a good job to have?

Aviation is a great career choice. There are so many opportunities for advancement and job variation that you could never get bored. As the industry grows, there is a great need for not only pilots, but managers, safety officers and inspectors, dispatchers, Air Traffic Controllers, etc. This career is always developing, always growing, and always exciting!

Is Flying Difficult?

Flying is one of the most rewarding endeavors you can take part in. Like everything that is worth anything, it takes some dedication to learn the vocabulary, master the procedures, and develop the skillset to be proficient and safe. More than anything, becoming a pilot takes dedication to pushing yourself to be the best you can, study and learn, and become part of a supportive community to meet some of the greatest challenges, and greatest rewards, you have ever had.

When and where are flight labs and classes?

Classes are designed around student need and the type of learning taking place. In general, seated (Ground) classes are held at OTC's main campus with all flight labs located at the Springfield-Branson National Airport. Flight labs are during the day time and are scheduled in 3, 2.5 hour lessons each week. (Some extra time will be required for night and cross-country flight requirements.) Many seated classes are held in the evening, one night a week, to provide more time and flexibility to the flight training.

Are classes online?

OTC is proud to offer many General Education courses online, as well as seated and hybrid options, to accommodate student needs. Some aviation courses are offered online as well, however, most aviation courses, and all flight labs, are in person.



What certificates/licenses/degree will you earn at the end of training?

At the completion of the program, students should have earned an Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Flight Technology degree and will have earned Private Pilot Certificate, Instrument Rating (to fly through clouds), and Commercial Pilot Certification. Optional certification would include:

- Multi-engine rating
- Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)
- Certified Flight Instructor- Instrument (CFII)
- Certified Flight Instructor-Multi Engine (MEI)

How long does it take to complete the program?

The program is designed to be completed in two years; and students will need to fly all 6 semesters to complete the training on time. If students choose to take summers off, be less than full time, or acquire extra certifications or ratings, they will most likely not be able to complete within 2 years.

What is the total cost?

The cost of flight training varies with each year as fuel and service prices change. The updated program costs sheets can be found on the program webpage. <https://academics.otc.edu/aviation/>. Yet, one can reasonably expect to spend around sixty-five thousand dollars to complete all training expected through commercial pilot. Although the cost is high, many jobs in the industry pay very well. This is one of those things that one must expect to make a strong initial commitment in order to earn a large return on investment.

Is Financial Aid, A+ Scholarships, or Veterans benefits possible for funding.

The program is financial aid eligible. Students are eligible for all state and federal aid, foundation, and institutional scholarships. Keep in mind all grant, loan, and scholarships will have dollar limits. Students who are qualified A+ scholarship recipients are eligible to use those fund benefits toward the cost of the program. These dollars are applied to the tuition and common course fees. This scholarship does not cover lab fees, such as flight costs. VA benefits are not available for this program at this time.

What kind of airplanes are used for training?

OTC is pleased to contract with our Flight Provider, Premier Flight Center. Premier manages the aircraft and the flight instructors and has a fleet of 9 Piper airplanes made up primarily of Archers and Warriors and includes an Arrow (complex) and Piper Seminole (twin engine). They also have a FAA-approved, full motion Redbird® AATD simulator.

How do I get into the program?

The Aviation Flight Technology program is a selective admission program and requires that you apply to the flight program AFTER being accepted to OTC. The application process requires you provide proof of an approved Medical Certificate from an Aviation Medical Examiner and supply a reference. The process and requirement to apply can be found on the Program website.

**If I already have prior flight training, can I get credit for that?**

If you come with a certificate or rating already earned, there is a good chance you can get prior credit for that. Any other training from another institution not yet fulfilling a certificate or rating may need to be qualified by our flight provider to determine proper course placement. The student is responsible for the cost of the evaluation flight. Please know that as a Part 141 flight training provider, not all prior hours will necessarily transfer into our program. For that reason, each person's prior experience will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Want more information? Please check out our Program Website:

