AVIATION MANAGEMENT & CAREER PILOT PROGRAM
Choose your own adventure and travel the world with Craven Community College’s (Craven CC) Aviation Management and Career Pilot (AMCP) program.

Craven CC’s Aviation program will teach students what it takes to be a commercial pilot, help launch careers, and reach new heights. The program will serve as the runway that propels students and allows educational dreams to take flight.

The aviation industry is experiencing continued growth to satisfy the demand generated by global economic expansion.

Over the next decade, a significant pilot shortage of approximately 36,000 pilot jobs in the United States and over 250,000 pilot jobs worldwide will provide a lucrative market for new graduates to find full-time work as a pilot. Additionally, a recent market study by Boeing highlighted a need for over 630,000 pilots worldwide in the next 20 years.

Students will have access to train with one of the world’s most advanced flight simulators. Upon graduation, they will earn a commercial pilot’s license, as well as the skills and techniques needed to succeed in a variety of aviation careers.

Craven CC has collaborated with Tradewind Aviation International, a flight school based at Coastal Carolina Regional Airport in New Bern, to provide flight-training courses for the AMCP program.

Due to this partnership, the AMCP program is recognized as a Restricted Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) program, allowing graduates to earn an airline or cargo pilot position with less than the federal mandate of 1,500 total flight hours. Since Craven CC is a two-year institution, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reduces the total flight time graduates must achieve to 1,250 hours to earn an airline or cargo pilot position. Spending less time accumulating hours means entering the job market sooner!
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Aviation Management and Career Pilot Program utilizes resources from Craven CC and our flight-training partner, Tradewind Aviation, to prepare students for a variety of aviation and aviation-related careers with commercial airlines, general aviation, aerospace industry, military, or state and federal aviation organizations.

Students will learn the fundamentals of flight, aerodynamics, aircraft systems and performance, airline operations, meteorology, navigation, federal regulations, aviation management, flight safety practices, human factors, and instrument and commercial ground training. Coursework includes intensive flight training with Craven CC’s state-of-the-art simulator, the DCX MAX.

The DCX MAX is the newest Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) cockpit system on the market and one of the most popular worldwide. Its functionality rivals most flight training devices and full flight simulators. The system boasts an impressive list of standard and optional features that make it the most advanced trainer in its class.

- As the newest Advanced Aviation Training Device cockpit system on the market, the DCX MAX flight simulator provides students with optimal training using greater realism, versatility, and motion systems.
- The FAA-approved simulator is used worldwide. It offers a highly realistic, all-metal construction with interchangeable panels and a fleet of 34 single-and multi-engine aircraft.
- Classes are held at the Institute of Aeronautical Technology on Craven CC’s Havelock Campus and Tradewind Aviation flight school in New Bern.
THE SKY’S THE LIMIT

AMCP program graduates will earn a commercial pilot certificate with instrument rating, multiengine rating, and certified flight instructor (CFI) rating and are qualified for jobs as commercial, corporate, and military pilots.

Since this is a dual degree program, students will also be well prepared for employment as airport managers, fixed-base operators, flight instructors, flight dispatchers, and more. The AMCP program offers the only opportunity of this kind in the Carolinas!

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

While the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree can lead to immediate job placement upon graduation, Craven CC has an articulation agreement that allows students to transfer to a Bachelor of Science degree program with Southern Illinois University (SIU). If students pursue a degree with and graduate from SIU, their flight hour requirements established by the FAA drop from 1,250 to 1,000.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill covers flight costs associated with the commercial pilot license, instrument rating, multiengine rating, and certified flight instructor.

Financial aid is available for qualified students.

Graduates will hold commercial and flight instructor licenses and are eligible to be hired by TFSI while building flight hours to work with regional airlines.

Military Pilot

Commercial Pilot

Corporate Pilot

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