

All aviation programs are held at the Institute of Aeronautical Technology on our Havelock campus, conveniently located right next to MCAS Cherry Point.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of our aviation programs seek employment in a variety of sectors, including:

- Air carriers
- Aircraft manufacturers
- Fixed base operators
- Flight schools
- Government aviation operations
- Repair stations

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the annual median salary for aircraft technicians is $80,180.

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AVIATION PROGRAMS



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WHAT WE OFFER

Craven Community College offers a wide range of aviation programs designed for people of all skill levels and backgrounds. Our specialized programs, held in the Institute of Aeronautical Technology, prepare students for high-demand careers maintaining, repairing, and servicing aircraft components and systems across civilian and military aviation.

Whether you're looking to earn a two-year degree or gain short-term certifications that help you enter the workforce fast, Craven's aviation programs provide hands-on instruction and FAA-aligned training to help you launch a successful career.



AVIATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Our aviation programs offer one degree and two diploma options. Most degree programs last two years, while diploma programs take less time and are sometimes taken in conjunction with degree programs.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Our Associate in Applied Science in Aviation Systems Technology degree program provides comprehensive training across general, airframe, and powerplant systems.

The curriculum prepares students to take the FAA written, oral, and practical exams for both airframe and powerplant certifications. Graduates can enter the workforce directly or transfer seamlessly to East Carolina University to earn a bachelor's degree.

AIRFRAME & POWERPLANT DIPLOMAS

For students seeking targeted credentials without completing a full degree, we offer two specialized diploma options:

- **Airframe diploma** provides a comprehensive review of aircraft structures, systems maintenance, hydraulics, and flight controls to earn credit toward FAA Airframe certification.
- **Powerplant diploma** focuses on reciprocating engines, turbine engines, fuel systems, and electrical powerplants for students pursuing FAA Powerplant certification.

SHORT-TERM TRAINING

Our short-term Workforce Development (WFD) aviation courses can be completed in less than a year. We offer entry and advanced Aviation Sheet Metal training, along with specialized FAA General/Airframe & Powerplant exam prep for individuals with prior military aircraft maintenance experience.

AVIATION SHEET METAL

Gain essential hands-on skills in structural repair, blueprint reading, and precision metal fabrication required for aircraft maintenance careers.

We also offer an Advanced Aviation Sheet Metal course for those looking to expand their technical expertise.

FAA GENERAL/AIRFRAME PREP

This fast-track training is designed for individuals with qualifying military or civilian aircraft maintenance experience. The course focuses on targeted exam readiness to prepare for FAA General Airframe written, oral, and practical certifications.

FAA GENERAL/POWERPLANT PREP

Designed for individuals with military or civilian aircraft maintenance experience, this training focuses on targeted exam readiness to quickly prepare for FAA General Powerplant written, oral, and practical certifications.

