



Rotary Transition Program

About American Winds

American Winds College of Aeronautics (AWCA) offers four aviation academic programs to prepare students to achieve their goal of becoming a professional pilot.

Why Choose American Winds?

The following are just a few things that distinguish American Winds from other flight training facilities:

- ~ Our two-year program is the fastest route to your lifelong career in aviation. Commercial airlines prefer hiring candidates with a degree which means **you may be hired sooner** than someone without a degree.
- ~ Liberty University School of Aeronautics Flight Training Affiliate. Earn a Bachelor of Science in Aviation in as little as two years. Take online general academic and aviation academic classes with Liberty, but **FLY WITH AMERICAN WINDS!**
- ~ Small class size and individualized instruction vs. competing for time and attention among 100+ students.
- ~ Training in all-season weather; you'll gain invaluable experience learning to fly in **all** conditions.
- ~ We offer quality aircraft that are maintained on-site, ATD flight training device, online academic courses and unlimited ground school.
- ~ **No training delays** - instructors and aircraft available year-round, 7 days a week.
- ~ Financing options may include: FMS Bank student loans up to **\$100,000** for those who qualify, VA benefits, Pilot Finance or AOPA Finance.

Benefits of Working for an Airline

Some of the following "perks" may be available, depending on the airline:

- ~ Sign-on bonus
- ~ Medical coverage
- ~ Free uniforms
- ~ Discounted travel that may extend to family & friends
- ~ Discounts on a variety of non-travel-related products and services
- ~ Flexible work schedule
- ~ Retirement plan
- ~ Discounts on personal car rentals & hotel rooms
- ~ Free hotel room for work travel, plus free or reduced-price meals



Job Outlook: Airline & Commercial Pilots

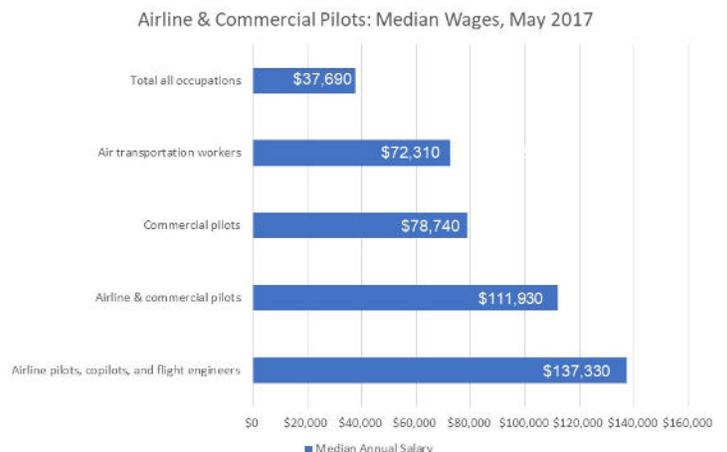
Based on pilot retirements at the four largest US carriers (American, Delta, Southwest and United), **14,000 aviators will be needed at those airlines by 2022.**

Job prospects typically begin with regional airlines, low-cost carriers, and nonscheduled aviation services due to lower entry-level requirements. There is typically less competition among applicants in these sectors than at major airlines.

Sources: The Pending Pilot Shortage: A 2017 Regional Industry Issue at Work; InterVISTAS Consulting LLC; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015

Salary Potential

According to the May 2017 report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, airline and commercial pilots earned a median annual salary of \$111,930. Realistically, a newly hired regional-airline first officer — the pilot sitting in the right seat — may earn around \$60,000 their first year. Most regionals pay similar rates, in a combination of hourly scale and standard industry bonuses.



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics

Rotary Transition Program (RTP) Overview

If you hold a Rotorcraft Private/Commercial Certificate with Instrument Rating, you can achieve your dream of working for the airline industry, in corporate flight operations or in general aviation. In the Rotary Transition Program, the student will receive training in the maneuvers and procedures necessary for him or her to meet the guidelines contained in the FAA Commercial Pilot Test Standards. Additionally, the student will receive training in safety awareness, single-pilot resource management and aeronautical decision-making.

Upon graduation from this program, the student will have gained the aeronautical experience necessary to apply for an FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate Category and Class with Instrument Rating. A student may also opt to take electives to earn a Flight Instructor Certificate (CFI, CFII, MEI).

Whether you are a military or civilian helicopter pilot, your training at AWCA will prepare you to meet the FAA ATP or R-ATP minimums. Once you have completed our program, many regional airlines are offering career path programs with bonuses and financial assistance to transition from flying helicopters to soaring in commercial jets with ease.



Accreditation

Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
(ACCET)1473

Federal Aviation Administration Part 141 School
#AYKS724K

State of Ohio Board of Career Colleges and Schools
#14-05-2043T

State of Ohio licensed to offer Veteran Administration
Benefits



Restricted Airline Transport Pilot Program (R-ATP)

AWCA has an FAA-approved Reduced Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) Program for aviation degrees. Pilots can be hired at the commercial airlines with an Associate Degree at 1,250 hours total time and Bachelor's Degree at 1,000 hours instead of 1,500 hours with no college degree.

Credentials Awarded

FAA Commercial Pilot Certificates
with Instrument Rating
single and multi engine airplane)



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