

# Aviation Careers

What they are, why you should consider them, and how to get started.

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# Why Start a Career In Aviation?

- ▶ Growing Industry.
- ▶ Strong wages and benefits (Especially for Mechanics and Pilots).
- ▶ The technical jobs require less education than traditional careers.
- ▶ Interesting work with exposure to advanced technology.
- ▶ Less likely to be automated (Especially on the Maintenance Side).
- ▶ Opportunities for Advancement.
- ▶ *Positive Job Outlook!*

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# Examples of Aviation Careers

## Aviation Specific

- Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics
- Aviation Electronic Technicians
- Pilots
- Flight Attendants
- Air Traffic Controllers
- FAA Safety Inspectors
- Aircraft Engineers

## Not Aviation Specific

- Security
- Management
- Marketing
- Logistics
- Customer Service
- Accounting
- Human Resources
- Sales

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# How to Pick a Career in Aviation

- ▶ Understand what you like to do, and what your good at.
- ▶ Identify where those categories overlap.
- ▶ Look for jobs that require you to do things that fall into those categories.
- ▶ Understand what you DON'T want to do. Look for jobs that don't require a lot of things you avoid doing.
- ▶ Look for industries that offer long term career growth, and maximizes your strengths.
- ▶ Look for opportunities that are relatively stable during economic down turns.
- ▶ Research your path. Understand what it takes from an educational, certification, and experience standpoint to be successful.
- ▶ **Look for jobs that you have a realistic chance of obtaining.**

# How to Stand Out in Aviation

- ▶ Work Hard, Study Hard. Good jobs take effort to learn and master, and require a commitment to continuous learning throughout your career.
- ▶ Be safety and quality focused. Aviation Careers usually involve work where mistakes can hurt others or cause significant property damage.
- ▶ TEAMWORK! (Work well with others) You will interact with Co Workers and Clients everyday, so practice resolving disagreements in constructive ways.
- ▶ Think beyond your specific job. Try to understand how your role fits into the larger business and supports broader initiatives.
- ▶ *Get your Certifications! (Specific Certifications vary from job to job)*

# How to Enter Aviation

- ▶ Varies depending on what you are trying to do....
- ▶ You may need to take an entry level position and work your way up, earn a college degree, or obtain a relevant certification.
  - ❖ Ex: To become an A&P Mechanic you need to attend an FAA Approved School and complete the necessary Certification Tests.
  - ❖ To become a pilot you need to complete a certain amount of flight hours on specific aircraft with a flight instructor before you can receive a pilots license.
- ▶ **Look for a career path that has a strong ROI (return on investment)**

# General Career Tips

- Make a strong Resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Have other career professionals edit them for you.
- **Avoid legal trouble and live a drug/substance free lifestyle.**
  - (Almost all quality jobs are going to drug test)
- Take Interviews seriously.
- Research the company, prepare questions for them, and have all of of your information and documents ready to go **BEFORE** you interview.
- Interview the company as well.
- Be professional.
  - Treat others with respect, watch your language, dress appropriately, and clean up your social media.

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# What to Look For When Choosing a School

- *Chose a school/major that directly prepares you for the career of your choice.*
- *Understand your chances of success BEFORE you enroll. (Review Graduation and job placement rates)*
- *Pick a school with relevant training aids and industry connections.*



# History of Spartan College

- Founded in 1928 as a Aircraft Mechanic School with a learn by doing philosophy.
- Trained British Royal Airforce Pilots leading up to and during WWII which led to the first Military defeat of Nazi Germany during the battle of Britain.
- Trained over 140,000 aerospace personal.
- Grown from one campus to four.
- Added Flight, AMT and AET programs.
- We accept students from all over the world, and our graduates work all over the world.

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