



## Ever thought about being a pilot?

Being a commercial pilot is a job many dream of, but think is beyond their reach. In reality, it is something almost anyone can do, and in fact you can become a commercial pilot at Henderson State University. HSU is the only college in the state of Arkansas where you can obtain your commercial pilot certificate while



HSU Alumni and Southwest Pilots  
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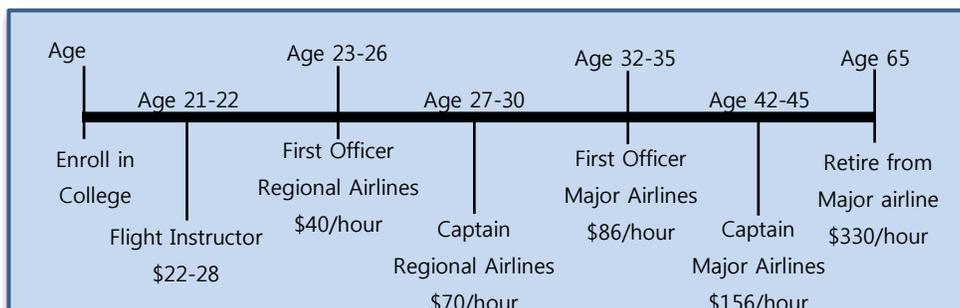
simultaneously earning your Bachelor of Science degree. We also have Restricted-Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) certification authority from the FAA. This certification allows our graduates that follow the R-ATP curriculum to become an airline pilot in two-thirds of the time otherwise required.

And not only can our graduates become airline pilots sooner, they can also qualify for conditional employment with ExpressJet Airlines. Thanks to the quality of our graduates along with the stellar track

record of our graduates getting airline jobs, Henderson State University and ExpressJet Airlines have a signed agreement providing qualified graduates a job waiting for them as an airline pilot. *(Conditional employment requires a good GPA along with other certain criteria.)*

## What will my income be as a pilot?

Below is a generic career timeline for Henderson's professional pilot students that fly for the airlines. The age range depicted is the typical starting time at that position. The wage range depicts the beginning wage to top-out wage based on the time employed with the company.



*(Based on flying for Republic at the regional level and Delta Airlines at the major level. Airline pilots can estimate flying approximately 1,000 hours per year. Data current as of October 30, 2017 from www.airlinepilotcentral.com/)*

### Will there be a job for me after I graduate?

*We hire most of our flight instructors from our graduates. (We even hire some before they graduate.) We also have a signed agreement with ExpressJet Airlines to hire our graduates as airline pilots so long as there are positions available, along with other qualifying requirements. Plus, Boeing Industries projects a large growth in aviation for the next 20 years resulting in a pilot shortage, so getting a job as a pilot has never been easier!*

**Out of state tuition waived for aviation majors!**

## *Fly for the airlines, corporate or military*

Most of our graduates go on to fly for the airlines you've heard of such as United, Delta and Southwest. Not only is it a rewarding job, but most airlines offer nice travel benefits to you and your family as well. And airlines are not the only way to fly. There are several career opportunities in the military, corporate flying and in agriculture/forestry as well. Some of our graduates pursue flying in all branches of the military while other graduates fly for corporate entities like Tyson, Stephens, Wal-Mart and even the Dallas Cowboys. Our flight training obviously conforms to the FAA minimums, but it also goes beyond those minimums and gives you all the training necessary to get you the job. It works, and it works well – just ask our alumni.

## *A Discovery Flight is the best way to experience flying firsthand!*

If you have dreamed of becoming a pilot, but feel that it is beyond your reach please come visit us and try it out for yourself! A Discovery Flight only costs \$98 and is the best way to experience flying first hand to ensure being a pilot is the career path for you. By scheduling your Discovery Flight, you are paired with one of our incredible flight instructors and taken on an introductory flight. During this thirty minute flight, you will actually take the controls and get a taste of what flying is all about. To schedule your discovery flight, please call 870-230-5584 TODAY!

## *Aviation - it's not just for pilots...*

Henderson offers an aviation management track as well. We provide the education to students that want to fly for, manage the airports they serve, or manage the fleet they fly. Our faculty and staff have wide ranging experience in aviation to help you choose which program is right for you. We also offer a minor in aviation, which gives an overview of the field with such courses as Aviation Safety, Aircraft Systems Theory, Aviation Legislation and other elective courses you can select.

## *Henderson is committed to aviation education*

Henderson is committed to aviation education. This commitment is shown by our investment in the \$3.5 million James T. Caplinger Airway Science Academic Center equipped with high tech classrooms, computerized testing for FAA and other exams, three flight simulators including a Redbird FMX with full motion, and over \$2 million worth of aircraft. We have 17 aircraft in our fleet; some of which are equipped with “glass” cockpits, which mean that our students not only train with the latest, most modern equipment, but it also means that there is always aircraft time allocated to each aviation student.



## *So, are you interested?*

If you are ready to become part of an amazing learning environment, and soar to new heights in your career, we encourage you to take a tour of our campus and flight training facilities. We understand that taking that first step can be difficult, that is why our faculty advisors are available to guide you through the admissions process, and are there to help you every step along the way. All you have to do is call 870-230-5012 or email us at [aviation@hsu.edu](mailto:aviation@hsu.edu) to get started!

*Do I have to move to be a pilot?*

Working for an airline based in Denver or Houston or wherever doesn't mean you have to move away from your hometown. Many Arkansans live in Arkansas, drive to the airport and jump-seat (commute) to their home base on an airplane just like a passenger—but without having to buy a ticket!