



*Kyle Besaw*

Kyle Besaw has been hooked on flying since winning a free ride in a Cessna 172 in a contest when he was 8-years-old.

“That trip was the greatest thing in the world,” Besaw said. “I was hooked, but didn’t realize it.”

Besaw, who graduated from Aberdeen High School, started his college career as a business major. He soon realized a business career wasn’t what he wanted, but he didn’t think being an airline pilot wasn’t an option.

“I thought the only way to become an airline pilot was to be in the military,” Besaw said. “A friend’s father was an airline pilot and he told me about Big Bend Community College and its flight program.

“BBCC has a great reputation. When you talk with people in the industry everyone knows about Big Bend.”

After earning his Associate in Arts and Science degree at BBCC, Besaw worked as a flight instructor at Grey’s Harbor Flight and the Fort Lewis Flying Club and as a pilot for Horizon Airlines.

In 1999, Besaw was hired as a pilot for United Airlines and now routinely pilots Airbus A320 and Airbus A319 aircraft to domestic locations as well as locations in South America, Mexico and Canada.



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## Aviation (Commercial Pilot)

**Earn a College Degree and a  
Commercial Pilot Certificate**



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A career in aviation will provide excitement and challenges every day. It is a career involving the latest technologies, great people and fascinating places. While many different job skills are needed in the aviation industry, BBCC's Aviation (Commercial Pilot) Program prepares students to take a seat up front – where the action is.

The Commercial Pilot Training program provides flight instruction along with ground school courses to prepare students for obtaining a commercial pilot certificate with instrument rating. To meet these requirements, most students require more than six quarters to complete the training. Because of this need, classes are scheduled each summer quarter. Additional ratings for flight instructor, instrument flight instructor, multi-engine, and seaplane may be earned after completing the commercial pilot certificate.

Interested students should contact the program assistant to request an application packet by calling (509) 793-2241 or email [aviation@bigbend.edu](mailto:aviation@bigbend.edu).



BBCC has a total of 23 aircraft in its training fleet.

## Associate in Arts and Science Transfer Option

Students who wish to obtain a two-year transfer degree in order to continue at a transfer institution must contact their aviation advisor early in the program to ensure the required course work is taken. If some of the basic education requirements have pre-approved substitutions, and additional electives are taken, it is possible for the commercial pilot student to receive both the AAS and the AA&S degrees.

## Associate in Applied Science Professional Technical Program

BBCC offers a two-year Professional Technical program in aviation for students who wish to prepare for a career as a commercial pilot and do not intend to transfer to a four-year college.

Related instruction required for an Associate in Applied Science degree

BUS 120 Human Relations on the Job .....	4
ENG 112 Applied Technical Writing .....	3
FAD 150 Industrial First Aid .....	2
MAP 104 Applied Mathematics (AVF) .....	3-5
SPH 100 Interpersonal Communications .....	4
or	
AVF 225 Effective Comm. in Flight Instruction .....	4
AVF 111 Preflight Ground School .....	1
AVF 112 Private Pilot Ground School .....	4
AVF 113 Meteorology .....	5
AVF 114 Theory of Flight .....	4
AVF 117 Aviation Emergency Preparedness .....	0
AVF 141 Private Pilot Flight (Stage 1) .....	4
AVF 142 Private Pilot Flight (Stage 2) .....	4
AVF 143 Private Pilot Flight (Stage 3) .....	4
AVF 221 Commercial Pilot Ground School .....	4
AVF 223 Instrument Ground School .....	4
AVF 251 Commercial Pilot Flight (Stage 4) .....	4
AVF 252 Commercial Pilot Flight (Stage 5) .....	4
AVF 253 Commercial Pilot Flight (Stage 7) .....	4
AVF 254 Night Flying .....	1
AVF 261 Instrument Flight (Stage 6) .....	4
CSC 100 Microcomputer Software Survey .....	2.5
or	
CSC 108 Introduction to Microsoft Applications .....	2.5
Electives .....	19-21



BBCC purchased two new Piper Warrior III aircraft in 2006 with state-of-the art glass cockpit displays.



Students gain tail wheel experience with the college's Citabria. This plane is also used for spin training for flight instructors.



A Cessna 180 on amphibious floats coupled with the abundant lakes surrounding Moses Lake provide students with the opportunity to add a single-engine seaplane rating.