

FLIGHT CURRICULUM

Our flight curriculum consists of approximately 200 hours of flying time. If the course is completed in an average length of time, the flight lab fee should be approximately \$4,000 per quarter. (Fees are subject to change without notice.) This quarterly fee pays for approximately 15 hours of dual, 15 hours of solo flying, and four hours of training in simulators. Ten to fifteen hours of complex, high performance flying are also scheduled in one quarter during the second year at an increased rate. We use Beechcraft Bonanzas for this training. Flight fees are paid in advance, normally on a quarterly basis. Our program is designed to graduate successful students with a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an instrument rating.

GROUND SCHOOL

Our ground school includes approximately 230 hours of formal classroom instruction divided among six required subjects. Ground school classes are conducted in the late afternoon and evening, allowing students to integrate flight and ground school training into their college class schedule. We also have three optional ground schools to increase knowledge in aircraft systems, advanced weather theory, and flight instruction fundamentals.

COURSE SEQUENCE

All new students attend a special Pre-Flight Ground School. The training begins a week prior to the normal college starting date. In order to ensure that students who complete the program have excellent backgrounds in the skills and knowledge necessary to fly safely, ground school and flight courses are sequential and required. Therefore, students begin the program Fall Quarter. Students entering with previous flight time or certificates may want to enter the program at a more advanced stage in the curriculum. This is usually done if entering with a Private Pilot Certificate. However, all required ground schools must be taken unless previous ground schools were completed under FAA 141 regulations.

COMPLETION

Not all students will successfully graduate from the Aviation Program. Various factors can prevent completing the program. Admission to the program does not imply a guarantee of successful completion, graduation, or of receiving FAA certification.

EMPLOYMENT

Many of our graduates are employed throughout the United States in general or corporate aviation. After gaining further flight experience, many have been employed by major airlines while others have made military flying a career. Aviation needs pilots. Hiring forecasts indicate excellent opportunities for well-trained pilots in the years ahead. Because of our well earned respect in the Aviation industry, several companies including FBOs, Commuter and Regional airlines have hiring agreements with Big Bend Aviation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are accepted beginning November 1 for the next fall's entering class. Early submission of the required material is requested so that acceptance and placement can be verified. Upon receipt of your application (including the \$30 matriculation fee), transcripts, a **copy** of your **Class I or II Medical** (be sure to request a 1st or 2nd class certificate), the Aviation Department Application, and copy of your birth certificate or unexpired passport, the Admissions Office will send you a letter stating that your file is complete. At that time, they will ask you to send in a \$200 deposit which will secure your spot in the Commercial Pilot program for the next fall.

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID

You may contact the Financial Aid office directly for information about available scholarships and federal/state financial aid. A scholarship list is published every spring quarter listing scholarships available for the following school year. The **Financial Aid Office**, 7662 Chanute Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837, can send you this information upon request. Their telephone number is (509) 793-2034.

If you have other questions or would like to schedule a tour (usually conducted Monday–Thursday at 2:00 PM), please contact the Flight Department at (509) 793-2241. The **Flight Department Internet address is:** <http://www.bigbendaviation.com>. *(This document was prepared 03/09/2009, and is intended to help you plan for the 2009-2011 school year. All information is approximate, and subject to change without notice.)*

We want to be part of your aviation education and career!