

Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act

Date posted:	August 6, 2015
Institution:	Charter College
Current status:	Authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State
Nature of request:	Authorization to offer two additional degree programs
Proposed programs:	Associate of Applied Science in Aviation with concentrations in: Fixed Wing Rotor
Locations:	The programs will be offered primarily via distance learning, however the ground school and lab portions will be offered at contracted flight school partners in Washington State.

Background:

Charter College, a private institution currently based in Anchorage, Alaska, has been authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State since 2009. It is accredited by the Accrediting Councils for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer new degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The program to be offered by Charter College appears to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found at the end of this notice.

Timeline:

The WSAC will accept comments on this application until August 20, 2015.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to:

[Degree Authorization](#).

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, they can be found at the following links: the statute is [Chapter RCW 28B.85](#) and the regulation is [WAC 250-61](#).

Program Title:

Associate of Applied Science in Aviation: Concentration in Fixed Wing

Program Outcomes:

“The Associate of Applied Science in Aviation: Concentration in Fixed Wing program provides students with the knowledge, technical skills, and practical training to seek entry-level employment in the field of commercial aviation. The courses enhance a student’s understanding of flight, safety, regulations, and awareness of the factors of flight. The flight lab portion will provide the flight hours necessary for a student to complete the program. In addition to attendance in all courses, students will be required to complete out-of-class assignments. These assignments include but are not limited to reading, exercise and problem solving, projects, research, papers and presentations. A student can anticipate out-of-class activities that equal about two (2) hours for every one (1) hour of lecture. Graduates who choose to work as commercial airplane pilots or certified flight instructors must successfully pass knowledge exams for Private Pilot License, Commercial Pilot License, Instrument Rating, and Certified Flight Instructor Rating as regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).”

Number of Credits: 107.5 quarter credits

Mode of Delivery: “Blended” format – all ground school and flight lab courses are offered at the flight partner location; all other courses are delivered via distance education

Admission Requirements specific to this degree:

Restricted entry with managed enrollments

- Must be 18 years or older; have a current driver’s license, U.S. Government ID, U.S. Armed Forces ID or valid U.S. passport
- Documentation of meeting First-Class Airmen Medical Certificate requirements completed by an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner
- Must have passed a criminal background check
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or national status to satisfy TSA requirements, prior to flight training
- Down payment of \$2,500 due upon enrollment
- ATB students may not enroll in this program

“The College reserves the right to consider an applicant’s character, academic record, medical/behavioral assessment and conduct in granting or denying admission....”

Required Courses:

Credits

General Education: (22.5 credits)

GE2110	College Mathematics.....	4.5
GE2210	Environmental Science.....	4.5
GE2310	Written and Oral Communication Practices	4.5
GE2410	Ethical Principles Across Societies	4.5
GE2510	Introduction to Sociology.....	4.5

Other Requirements: (13.5 credits)

SS1001	Student Success Strategies	4.5
SS1110	Technology Fundamentals	4.5

SS1210	Professional Success Strategies.....	4.5
<u>Concentration Requirements: (71.5 credits)</u>		
AV1120	Ground School – Private Pilot – Fixed Wing*.....	3.5
AV1130	Ground School – Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing*	3.5
AV1140	Aviation Navigation	4.5
AV1150	Aircraft Systems and Components.....	4.5
AV1160	Ground School – Instrument Rating – Fixed Wing*	3.0
AV1170	Aviation Safety and Human Factors	4.5
AV2225	Aerodynamics	4.5
AV2235	Aviation Law and Regulations.....	4.5
AV2245	Aviation Meteorology	4.5
AV2250	Ground School – Certified Flight Instructor – Fixed Wing*	4.0
AV2265	Commercial Aviation	4.5
AV2275	Aviation Physiology.....	4.5
AV2285	Crew Resource Management	4.5
AV2910	Flight Lab – Private Pilot – Fixed Wing*	1.0
AV2920	Flight Lab – Private Pilot – Fixed Wing*	1.5
AV2930	Flight Lab – Instrument Rating – Fixed Wing*	1.5
AV2940	Flight Lab – Instrument Rating – Fixed Wing*	1.0
AV2950	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing*.....	1.5
AV2960	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing*.....	1.5
AV2970	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing*.....	1.5
AV2980	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing*.....	1.5
AV2990	Flight Lab – Certified Flight Instructor – Fixed Wing*.....	1.5
BA1110	Business Fundamentals	4.5

*These courses are facilitated at the flight partner location

Program Title:

Associate of Applied Science in Aviation: Concentration in Rotor

Program Outcomes:

“The Associate of Applied Science in Aviation: Concentration in Rotor program provides students with the knowledge, technical skills, and practical training to seek entry-level employment in the field of commercial aviation. The courses enhance a student’s understanding of flight, safety, regulations, and awareness of the factors of flight. The flight lab portion of the program will provide the flight hours necessary for a student to complete the program. In addition to attendance in all courses, students will be require to complete out-of-class assignments. These assignments include but are not limited to reading, exercise and problem solving, projects, research, papers and presentations. A student can anticipate out-of-class activities that equal about two (2) hours for every one (1) hour or lecture. Graduates who choose to work as commercial helicopter pilots or certified flight instructors must successfully pass knowledge exams for Private Pilot License, Commercial Pilot License, Instrument Rating, and Certified Flight Instructor Rating as regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).”

Number of Credits: 105.5 quarter credits

Mode of Delivery: “Blended” format – all ground school and flight lab courses are offered at the flight partner location; all other courses are delivered via distance education

Admission Requirements specific to this degree:

Restricted entry with managed enrollments

- Must be 18 years or older; have a current driver’s license, U.S. Government ID, U.S. Armed Forces ID or valid U.S. passport
- Documentation of meeting First-Class Airmen Medical Certificate requirements completed by an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner
- Must have passed a criminal background check
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or national status to satisfy TSA requirements, prior to flight training
- Down payment of \$2,500 due upon enrollment
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Required Courses:

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General Education: (22.5 credits)

GE2110	College Mathematics.....	4.5
GE2210	Environmental Science.....	4.5
GE2310	Written and Oral Communication Practices	4.5
GE2410	Ethical Principles Across Societies.....	4.5
GE2510	Introduction to Sociology.....	4.5

Other Requirements: (13.5 credits)

SS1001	Student Success Strategies	4.5
SS1110	Technology Fundamentals	4.5
SS1210	Professional Success Strategies.....	4.5

Concentration Requirements: (69.5 credits)

AV1125	Ground School – Private Pilot – Rotor*	3.5
AV1135	Ground School – Commercial Pilot – Rotor*	3.5
AV1140	Aviation Navigation	4.5
AV1150	Aircraft Systems and Components.....	4.5
AV1165	Ground School – Instrument Rating – Rotor*	3.0
AV1170	Aviation Safety and Human Factors	4.5
AV2225	Aerodynamics	4.5
AV2235	Aviation Law and Regulations.....	4.5
AV2245	Aviation Meteorology	4.5
AV2255	Ground School – Certified Flight Instructor – Rotor	4.0
AV2265	Commercial Aviation	4.5
AV2275	Aviation Physiology.....	4.5
AV2285	Crew Resource Management	4.5
AV2915	Flight Lab – Private Pilot – Rotor*	1.0
AV2925	Flight Lab – Private Pilot – Rotor*	1.0
AV2935	Flight Lab – Instrument Rating – Rotor*	1.0

AV2945	Flight Lab – Instrument Rating – Rotor*	1.0
AV2955	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Rotor*	1.0
AV2965	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Rotor*	1.0
AV2975	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Rotor*	1.5
AV2985	Flight Lab – Commercial Pilot – Rotor*	1.5
AV2995	Flight Lab – Certified Flight Instructor – Rotor*	1.5
BA1110	Business Fundamentals	4.5

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