Life Experience Credit/Degree for Aviation Professionals

Posted by Texbubba - 2012/08/07 16:47

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Posted by VickyPhillips - 2012/08/10 15:35

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Hi Texbubba,

I've worked with many licensed pilots and aviation techs over the years.

You will want to attend a college online that will work with you to award the maximum number of college credits for your aviation training and flight hours.

SEE: Credit for life experience for great info on how and where to go to college under this option
http://www.geteducated.com/online-degree-financial-aid/cutting-online-university-cost/145-online-life-experience-degree/

I am not sure if the "75 hours of upper level college credit in aviation" you cite is from a college or from an assessment of college equivalency for aviation training .. In any case you will need 120 semester credits for any accredited bachelors with about half these in general education.

The "general education" portion will be where you will need to focus to document/earn most of your bachelor completion credits as your licesning/training as a pilot will/should cover most all of your major area and electives.

The program(s) I would recommend for you as a licensed pilot zooming toward bachelor completion:

1-----Thomas Edison State College
http://www.tesc.edu/ast/bsast/Aviation-Flight.cfm

BSAST in Aviation Flight Technology

The Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (BSAST) degree in Aviation Flight Technology is limited to professionally licensed commercial pilots who hold a minimum of Commercial and Instrument ratings (Airline Transport Pilot recommended). Equivalent military training may also be considered. The degree is a 120-credit program.

For the above you will need 60 credits in general education with this distribution:

Subject Area/Category Credits
I. General Education Requirements 60

A. English Composition 6
B. Humanities 12

Technical Report Writing

(3)

Speech

(3)

Humanities Electives*

(6)
C. Social Sciences 12

Psychology or Sociology

(3)

Social Science Electives*

(9)
D. Natural Sciences and Mathematics 21

College Algebra or above*

(6)

Statistics

(3)

General Physics

(6)

Meteorology

(3)

Computer Requirement

(3)
E. General Education Electives 9

The 60 credits of general ed and electives outside aviation required by TESC will hold for most any regionally accredited bachelors degree. You MAY have some of this in work equivalency and training that you can document at TESC. Being bright you'll want to look at taking CLEPs or other exams and seeing if you have documentation that will help toward credit for logical allied areas like "tech report

writing."

In any case, TESC works with scads of military and civilian pilots to help them maximize credit for career and life toward this particular degree.

You should also scope out:

2) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Online
http://worldwide.erau.edu/campuses-online/online-learning/index.html

This school works only with aviation professionals and has bachelor completion options related to aviation technology and business.

Have you explored either of these yet?
If not, I'd start there.

If so, tell me more and I'll try and refine my suggestions....

Vicky

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