

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION PROFESSIONAL AVIATION PROGRAM

APPLICATION INFORMATION LETTER

Thank you for your interest in the Selkirk College Professional Aviation Program.

The following information should answer your questions around the application process.

You may download or complete a Selkirk College Application Form by visiting <http://www.selkirk.ca/students/admissions/apply/>. You must also complete a Professional Aviation Program Application Information Sheet located on the last page of this document.

The selection process is to some extent first-come, first-served. Interviews will commence in January and late applicants may find that all interview appointments have been filled. It is important to apply early.

A current Selkirk College calendar is on our website at www.selkirk.ca and a hard copy is available by request.

Please note that a **Private Pilot Licence and a valid Category 1 Medical are mandatory requirements** for admission to the Professional Aviation Program. Proof of having completed the licence and medical must be submitted to qualify for a seat in the program.

If you have any further questions about our program, please contact Caroline Soukoroff, School Administrative Assistant at 1.888.953.1133, ext. 205.

Sincerely,



Henri P. Bureaud, Chair
School of Business and Aviation

Professional Aviation Program

Program Details

Employment Details of Selkirk College Professional Aviation Program Graduates

Selkirk graduates are flying with major Canadian, American and International airlines. Other employment opportunities are with regional airlines, charter companies, flight training schools, air traffic control, and the military. Altogether approximately 85 percent of Selkirk graduates are employed in the aviation industry or military.

They are operating many types of aircraft including Boeing and Airbus products, Dash 8 , Beechcraft, etc. to destinations across Canada and around the world to such places as Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Amsterdam, Honolulu, and Zurich.

Career Opportunities

The opportunities available to a professional pilot generally fall into the following categories:

1. Major international and national airlines, (e.g., Air Canada, WestJet, American Airlines, United Airlines and Cathay Pacific).
2. Regional airlines, (e.g., Air Canada Jazz, WestJet).
3. Third level carriers, (e.g., Perimeter Airlines, Central Mountain Air).
4. Charter airlines, (e.g., Kelowna Flite-Craft).
5. Executive or corporate flying.
6. Flight instructing.
7. Air traffic control.
8. The Canadian military.

The Selkirk College Professional Aviation Program is designed to prepare graduates for employment with the various Canadian airlines, but is also excellent preparation for the other career areas mentioned above.

The aviation industry is cyclical in nature; therefore, employment opportunities for pilots vary from year to year. There is a growing shortage of pilots worldwide however, a graduate should expect to spend at least two to five years with a smaller company before qualifying for employment with a regional or national carrier.

Our Advisory Committee members are all actively employed by airlines or active in the aviation industry and keep us abreast of current requirements and technological changes.

A Word of Caution

Many applicants have a somewhat distorted picture of what a career as a professional pilot entails. We strongly recommend that you make contact with persons experienced in this field and discuss all aspects of a flying career with them.

Aircraft and Simulators

Currently we use five Cessna 172P and two, twin engine Beechcraft Travel Aire aircraft for flight training.

We have two FRASCA 142 multi-engine simulator's and one ALSIM MCC200 simulator capable of 19 flight models. The FRASCA simulators are used for initial IFR training; the ALSIM is used for multi-crew coordination training. There are no simulator fees and students are encouraged to use the simulators as much as possible to reduce training time and associated costs in the aircraft.

First Year Flying Training

First year students must hold a Private Pilot Licence, but are at varying degrees of proficiency, therefore, the number of hours flying in first year will vary, usually from 50 to 70 hours. Flying costs will vary according to the flight training required.

Instrument Training – Abbotsford

Final instrument training and the Multi-Engine Instrument Rating flight test are conducted at Abbotsford in May of second year.

Accommodations

There are several options to consider:

- ▶ Selkirk College has on site campus housing at our Kekuli House Residence. These are single accommodation units with some cooking facilities. Contact Pat Rodrick, Residence Manager at prodrick@selkirk.ca or call 1.888.953.1133 ext 227 for more information.
- ▶ Rental apartments, houses, or room and board are available in the community. Student Services at Selkirk College maintains a housing list -- email housing@selkirk.ca or call 1.888.953.1133 ext 273.

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Application Process

1. Admission Criteria

Check that you meet the following criteria or anticipate meeting them by the first day of the fall semester. If you do meet all these criteria, please note that first priority is given to applicants who meet all the criteria listed.

- Age:** While we have no fixed upper age limit, you should be aware that you become less competitive for employment from about age 30 on.
- Height:** There is no specific height requirement; however, applicants must be able to safely manipulate controls of the aircraft used for training through their full range of movement.
- Weight:** Should be proportional to height and build (overweight can cause employment rejection).
- Eyesight:** Visual acuity should be at least 6/15 correctable to 6/6 in both eyes. Visual acuity of less than 6/15 may be considered on an individual basis. If your visual acuity is less than 6/6 in one or both eyes, you are encouraged to continue with your application. For most career options, applicants with uncorrected visual acuity of less than 6/6 can be considered, although those individuals considering a career as a military pilot 6/6 uncorrected is required.
- Physical Profile:** Complete a Transport Canada Category 1 Medical and supply evidence of same in your application package.

Academic Qualifications:

1. BC applicants should have completed senior secondary graduation including English 12, Principles of Math 12 and Physics 11 with a grade of “C+” or better. For applicants from other provinces we use the admission requirements of BC universities as guidelines. In general if you meet the admission requirements for a B.Sc. program at a university in your home province (including English, Mathematics and Physics in your final year of high school) you should be academically eligible for admission to the Aviation Program. The Registrar will review out of province transcripts for eligibility to the program.
2. Applicants with first year science or a baccalaureate degree, please note you may receive credit for equivalent courses from another institution. Course selection will be made after discussions with the Aviation Department.

Flying Experience:

A Private Pilot Licence and a valid Category 1 Medical are mandatory prerequisites for admission to the Aviation Program. It is not necessary to have the licence or medical at the time of application, but proof of completion must be supplied to qualify for a seat in the program.

- Finances:** The Aviation Program is an expensive program; however, financial aid is available in the form of Canada Student Loans and Grants. Amounts vary depending on Provincial jurisdiction and financial need. Relocation allowances may also be available. For more detailed information contact the Financial Aid Officer at Selkirk College at Financial_Aid@selkirk.ca or call 1.888.953.1133, ext. 290.

If you meet the Admission Criteria requirements in #1, complete the following:

2. **Selkirk College Application Form** - submit an on-line application at <http://selkirk.ca/students/Admissions/apply> as soon as possible to ensure a seat for September.

3. **Professional Aviation Program Application Sheet**

A. Complete the **Professional Aviation Program Application Information Sheet** - ALL SPACES!!

B. Private Pilot: Please send us photocopies of your Licence/Permit and your Medical Certificate Category 1 if you have one now. Note: Private Pilot Licence and Medical Certificate Category I required to qualify for a seat in the program.

4. **Transcript**

If you have already graduated from high school, please obtain an official transcript showing your final grades for Grades 11 and 12. Also include any official college or university transcripts. If you are still in Grade 12, please submit an interim transcript now and an official final transcript by mid July.

5. **Photographs**

One 930 passport size photographs are required by Transport Canada regulations.

6. **Submit Documents**

Submit the above applications, documents and photographs as early as possible to: Admissions, Selkirk College, 301 Frank Beinder Way, Castlegar, BC V1N 4L3.

7. **Acknowledgement**

Receipt of your applications, documents and photos will be acknowledged. In the case of students from provinces other than BC, it may take additional time to confirm that your prerequisite courses are equivalent to the BC courses listed on the previous page under Academic Qualifications.

8. **Details Regarding Test, etc..**

After receipt of your application and initial documents you will receive further details concerning a computerized placement test (CPT) and any other documentation required.

9. **Medical Exam**

Complete a standard Transport Canada "Pilot Medical Examination" Category 1. For information on where to have this medical completed, check with your local flight school or the Transport Canada general aviation website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/cam/menu.htm>

10. **Acknowledgement of Receipt of all Documents**

Once we have received all the required documentation you will receive acknowledgment that your application is complete. We do not normally acknowledge receipt of individual items.

If you have not heard from us within two weeks, call our Admissions Department at 1.888.953.1133 ext 324 to check the status of your application.

11. Interviews

After a preliminary review of your application you will be advised:

- A. that you are invited to a personal interview with the Selection Committee. OR
- B. that you do not meet the admission criteria in some way.

Interviews will be held in starting in January.

12. Financial Requirements

This is an expensive program. A student withdrawing in mid-year or mid-course due to lack of funds effectively denies admission to another student. We require evidence that you have the financial backing to complete the program. This evidence is detailed in your invitation for an interview and should be brought to the interview.

13. Final Selections

You will be advised of the Committee's decision of acceptance as soon as possible after the interview.

14. Valid Passport

You will require a valid passport for second year flight training and field trips.



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Application Information Sheet

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SPACES

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. If unsuccessful, do you wish to apply for another program at Selkirk College? YES NO
 If so, which program? _____

2. Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

3. Applicants with previous flying experience, please provide the following information if available:

a) MEDICAL CATEGORY: (_____) (1 or 3)	c) HOURS:
	In Command _____
	Dual _____
b) LICENCES HELD AND DATE OF ISSUE:	Total _____

Note: Applicant must have a Category 1 Medical prior to beginning classes in September.

Note: Applicant must have a Private Pilot Licence prior to beginning classes in September

4. TRAINING:
 Name of Flight School _____
 Location _____
 Instructor Information: Name _____
 Phone _____
 e-mail _____

NOTE: Enclose one passport size photographs with your application forms for the Professional Aviation Program.

5. Please list all the courses (and course numbers) you have, are and will be taking in Grades 11 and 12. Beside each, show final grade if available, or latest progress grade. Indicate in the third column whether:
 Y - yes, final grade
 or I - in progress
 N - not yet taken (or next semester, etc.)

NOTE: You can ignore this section IF you are enclosing a final transcript for Grades 11 and 12.

Course and Number	Mark or Grade	Status (Y, I or N)

Please Mail or Fax to: Selkirk College Admissions Office
 Castlegar Campus
 301 Frank Beinder Way
 Castlegar BC V1N 4L3
 Phone: 1-888-953-1133, ext. 324 • Fax: 250-365-3929