

AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER CERTIFICATE 008A

FIRST YEAR

First Semester	Semester Credits
AVIA 101 Private Pilot Flight Theory	4
AVIA 260 Aviation Meteorology	3
Total Semester Credits	7

Second Semester	Semester Credits
AVIA 131 Air Traffic Control Systems*	3
AVIA 141 Federal Aviation Regulations*	3
AVIA 201 Instrument Flight Theory	4
Total Semester Credits	10

Third Semester	Semester Credits
AVIA 240 Aircraft Dispatcher Practical I	3
AVIA 241 Aircraft Dispatcher Practical II	3
Total Semester Credits	6
Total Program Credits	23

Program can be entered in the fall or spring semesters.

*Courses can also be accomplished in first semester.

Southwestern Illinois College is authorized to conduct an Aircraft Dispatcher Program certified under Part 65.63(b) of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The program is approved through the Federal Aviation Administration and in compliance with CFR 65.61 through 14 CFR 65.70 and appendix (A) of 14 CFR 65 to govern continued approval.

AVIA 101, 131, 141, 201 and 260 **MUST** be completed prior to enrolling in AVIA 240 and 241.

Students must meet the program requirements and either hold Graduation Certificates for AVIA 101 and 201 or successfully complete the FAA knowledge exams for the courses or hold the FAA pilot Certifications for the Pilot Certificate or rating associated with the courses. Course time limits apply.

Students must be 21 years of age to test for the dispatcher certification and 23 years of age to receive the FAA Aircraft Dispatcher Certification.

If you wish to be enrolled in the program, please contact the program coordinator.

To learn more about starting a career in AVIATION AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER, call **866-942-SWIC (7942), ext. 5683**, or visit the website at **swic.edu/aviation**.

SWIC provides specific consumer, textbook and gainful employment information to current and prospective students through the college website and printed materials. For consumer information, visit swic.edu/consumer-information. For student and academic information, refer to swic.edu/catalog or visit Enrollment Services at any SWIC campus for a copy of the catalog. To view the Student Handbook, refer to swic.edu/student-handbook. For textbook information, go to swic.edu/bookstore or visit the Barnes & Noble bookstores at the Belleville or Sam Wolf Granite City campuses.

SWIC ensures that equal educational opportunities are offered to students regardless of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information, or veteran status. All academic, extracurricular, research and other educational programs and activities are non-discriminatory.

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Red Bud Campus, 500 W. South Fourth St.

Aviation Aircraft Dispatcher

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Federal Aviation Administration Certificated Aircraft Dispatcher is frequently referred to as “The Pilot on the Ground”. Although Aircraft Dispatchers are not required to hold Pilot Certifications, their flight knowledge, aircraft systems and operational knowledge of aircraft and aviation is compared to the pilots that they support moving millions of passengers to their destinations daily.

The Aircraft Dispatcher Program at Southwestern Illinois College provides students with an excellent foundation of knowledge to complete the Federal Aviation Administration required ADX knowledge test Certification along with the FAA Aircraft Dispatcher Certification Practical Test.

Aircraft Dispatchers are required by Regional, Major, and International Air Carrier Airlines around the world. Every International Civil Aviation Organization Air Carrier utilizes Dispatchers to work closely with the flight crews for the safe operation of every flight. Dispatchers build flight plans that determine routes, route changes due to weather, fuel load requirements, alternate airports if needed, support aircraft operational status, maintenance routing and emergency response in the event of medical support needed by a passenger.

The Aircraft Dispatcher program can be completed as a stand-alone program or available as part of the Aviation Management AAS Degree program. Aircraft Dispatchers work in a high-tech environment that have the ability to communicate with in flight crews operating around the world. Aircraft Dispatchers are also utilized by many corporate flight departments, most Air Ambulance medivac Helicopter organizations and many fractional jet ownership operators world-wide.

Aviation is a global industry and vital to national security that continues to expand worldwide. Certification requirements and major shortages of qualified personnel provide for excellent salaries and benefits that are difficult to match in many other career paths. Typically, dispatchers work 4 days weekly.

Aircraft Dispatcher students may qualify to receive credit for AVIA 101 and AVIA 201 free of charge if

they already hold a Private Pilot Airplane Certificate (or greater) and instrument rating.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Careers: Airline aircraft dispatcher, aircraft management, aircraft maintenance management, manufacturing, government aviation, military aviation, corporate aviation and air traffic control.

Prospects: Employment opportunities are expected to continue to grow steadily in this global industry in which opportunities are available in a variety of career paths.

Salary: Starting salaries vary throughout the industry. Many airline, government and industrial positions offer good starting salaries with excellent benefits and retirement programs. Aircraft Dispatchers for major airlines can exceed \$175,000 annually.



ADMISSION

All applicants are advised to see an academic advisor upon applying for admission to SWIC.

Placement Testing

Computer-based placement tests are available at each SWIC campus. Once students have completed the New Student Information Form and received their SWIC Student ID Number, they may go to any SWIC Testing Center and take this test.

Visit swic.edu/testing-center for locations and hours. This test identifies skill levels in math,

reading and language usage. Since results of the placement test may determine future coursework, it is important to prepare well and take it seriously. Please see the SWIC website for additional tips for taking placement tests.

For more information about the Aviation Management program or the computerized placement test, contact an academic advisor at the Belleville Campus, 618-235-2700, ext. 5206; the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, 618-931-0600, ext. 7333; or the Red Bud Campus, 618-282-6682, ext. 8114.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

For the current tuition rate, call 618-235-2700, ext. 5367 or visit swic.edu/business-office. Tuition and fees are subject to change at any time.

Information about student scholarships, grants, loans and employment is available through the Financial Aid and Student Employment office at 618-235-2700, ext. 5288 and online at swic.edu/financial-aid.

For details about scholarships available specifically to SWIC students, visit the SWIC Foundation website at swic.edu/foundation.

The PALS Office, 618-235-2700, ext. 5558, assists students in the exploration of financial aid options.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students in the Aviation Management program can earn a 66-semester-credit Associate in Applied Science degree. Other specific graduation requirements can be found in the front section of the SWIC catalog.

