

AVIATION

CO-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM WITH CCBC COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

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Slippery Rock University and the Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) offer a unique co-enrollment pathway that combines professional pilot training with a four-year SRU education. Students earn a Bachelor of Science degree from SRU while completing an associate degree and professional pilot training through CCBC, preparing them for aviation careers while developing expertise in a second professional field.

Students benefit from the resources and support of both institutions, with SRU monitoring academic progress at CCBC to help students stay on track toward degree completion.

PATHWAY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Two degrees.** Students earn a Bachelor of Science degree from SRU and an associate degree from CCBC. At CCBC, students select the Professional Piloting or Advanced Piloting pathway.
- **Career versatility.** Pair aviation training with an SRU degree that develops expertise for careers in and beyond the cockpit, providing an additional professional pathway as the aviation industry, career goals, or circumstances change.
- **Strong career outlook.** According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage for airline pilots, copilots, and flight engineers was \$226,600 in May 2024.
- **Established aviation training.** CCBC has a long history of aviation education, with graduates working as professional pilots for major U.S. airlines and as air traffic controllers throughout the country.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. **Submit your completed SRU application** at www.sru.edu/apply, including the application, \$30 application fee, and official high school transcript sent by your school counselor (electronically or to asktherock@sru.edu).
2. **Submit your completed visiting student application to CCBC** at www.ccbc.edu/apply, including the application and official high school transcript sent by your school counselor (electronically or to admissions@ccbc.edu).
3. Once admitted to the SRU, **complete your Reply to Offer form and submit your enrollment deposit** to secure your spot in SRU's incoming class.
4. **Register for classes at both institutions.** After you deposit, SRU will help build your SRU schedule for the Aviation pathway. Students must work directly with CCBC to register for their CCBC courses as co-enrollment students.



SRU MAJORS

Corporate Security
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Computing
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Homeland Security
Industrial & Systems Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

CCBC MAJORS

Advanced Piloting
Professional Piloting

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FLIGHT TRAINING

Students complete their flight training through a CCBC-approved flight provider while simultaneously completing coursework at SRU and CCBC. Students schedule flight training directly with their provider and are responsible for transportation to and from the training location.

Nearby flight training option:

Grove City Airport (29D) • Grove City, PA

Additional approved flight providers are available throughout Pennsylvania.

FLIGHT TRAINING COSTS

Flight training costs are separate from tuition, fees, and housing and are paid directly to the flight provider on an ongoing basis. CCBC currently estimates total flight costs at approximately \$52,000–\$61,000 to complete the professional pilot training requirements. Actual costs vary based on the number of flight hours needed to successfully complete each course.

Information about estimated flight costs and CCBC's PA Flight Discount Fund is available through CCBC.

CAREER OUTCOMES

The Aviation co-enrollment pathway prepares students for professional pilot careers through an FAA-approved Part 141 curriculum. Graduates may qualify for reduced Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) requirements, becoming eligible at age 21 with 1,250 flight hours.

Students complete the program with approximately 300 flight hours. Many begin their careers as certified flight instructors, earning paid experience while building the additional flight hours needed for airline careers. Other early-career opportunities may include banner towing, sightseeing, skydiving operations, agricultural aviation, and regional airline pipeline programs.



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Two institutions: Students register for courses at both SRU and CCBC each semester to maintain the appropriate full-time course load and stay on track toward both degrees.

One SRU bill: Tuition, fees, and housing are billed through SRU; students do not receive a separate tuition bill from CCBC. Flight training costs are paid directly to the flight provider.

Two academic calendars: SRU and CCBC have different academic calendars and deadlines, and students are responsible for monitoring requirements at both institutions.

Flight scheduling and transportation: Students schedule their own flight training with their provider. SRU does not currently provide transportation to flight training locations.

Medical requirements: Students must obtain and maintain the FAA medical and student pilot credentials required by CCBC for participation in flight training.

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