

# Aviation Maintenance Technician

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook, about 13,000 aviation maintenance technicians will be needed each year over the next decade. Now's the time to consider a career in aviation in Virginia!

High School

Denbigh Aviation Academy  
Massanutten Technical Center –  
Tango Flight

AMT School:  
Blue Ridge Community College  
Aviation Institute of Maintenance – Manassas  
Aviation Institute of Maintenance – Norfolk  
Liberty University  
University of the District of Columbia



1. Graduate from an FAA-approved AMT school  
**OR**  
Complete the Joint Service Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council training course for military  
**OR**  
18 months of practical experience with procedures, practices, materials, tools, machines, and equipment  
**OR**  
30 months of practical experience concurrently performing the duties appropriate to both the airframe and powerplant ratings
  - 12-30 months
  - Cost: \$8,000-\$30,000

2. Be familiar with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations

3. Pass knowledge (written) tests, an oral exam, and practical tests

4. Obtain the FAA Airframe Certificate and/or Powerplant Certificate

The average annual salary for an aviation maintenance technician is about \$70,010 and AMTs can earn around \$56,000 per year as a starting salary. It can cost as little \$8,000 to earn an AMT certificate and scholarships are available. Part-time, full-time, and distance programs are available.