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!

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.

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

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