



## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Science and Technology

#### **Request:**

Wright State University requests approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Science and Technology.

#### **Background:**

Wright State University is a public institution located in Dayton, Ohio with a regional campus serving Lake County in Celina, Ohio. The university enrolls 16,000 students in programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate levels. Wright State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next scheduled review in 2025-26.

#### **Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Science and Technology is a 60-semester hour program designed to address the current and anticipated shortage in airline pilots. The program, located within the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, is a collaboration between Wright State University and First Flight Aviation in Miamisburg, Ohio. First Flight Aviation is an FAA certified repair station and Part-141 FAA Approved Flight School. First Flight Aviation instructors will provide the relevant aviation courses. Graduates can pursue employment in entry level positions in aviation, including airline pilots in various settings. The program prepares students in single and multi-engine operations, aviation instruction, and aviation management. Students may enter the program with or without previous flight experience and, upon completion, can articulate into the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science and Technology.

An initial program enrollment of 20 full-time equivalent (FTE) students is anticipated for the degree program, with growth to 40 FTE students after four years.

#### **Faculty and Resources:**


Wright State University adequately planned for the delivery of this program. The program budget also represents student fees paid to First Flight Aviation.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Science and Technology meets the Chancellor's standards for associate degrees and approval is recommended. Approval may be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, Wright State University fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for undergraduate degree programs or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.

**End of Comment Period: 6/23/2023 at 12:30pm**  
**No comments received, recommend approval.**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	
The Associate Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
/s/ Stephanie McCann	6/26/2023
<b>Stephanie McCann, Associate Vice Chancellor of Program Development &amp; Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>

<b>APPROVAL</b>	
	
Randy Gardner, Chancellor	6/29/2023
	<b>Date</b>