

Aviation Explorers Post 2009 Training Credit for Simulator Lessons and Ground School

If you like to wash planes, our Post offers participants the chance to earn credit toward simulator lessons or ground school in exchange for keeping the training fleet clean. This is an opportunity for students to “get their feet wet” with flight training and meet people around the airport in the process. Below are some guidelines for these programs.

Simulator Option

- Wash 2 Airplanes = 1 hour of simulator or ground instruction with a certificated flight instructor.

This instruction is able to be logged, so it is advisable to purchase a pilot’s logbook to keep a record of the training. This training will count if further down the road the student decides to pursue a pilot’s license.

Ground School Option

- Wash 8 Airplanes = Enrollment in the Flight Training Clinic’s Part 141 Private Pilot Ground School.

The Private Pilot Ground School is offered quarterly at the OSU Airport. It covers the same materials as the collegiate aviation class, but at an accelerated pace. It is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00PM – 9:00PM for ten weeks. Successful completion of the course with an 80% grants the participant a graduation certificate. This allows the student to take the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test, a necessary step to completing private pilot training. This class also serves as an excellent opportunity to complete required ground instruction or gain familiarity with required aeronautical knowledge before committing to flight lessons. An introductory flight is not included. For more information, please see the Flight Training Clinic’s website at: [http://aviation.osu.edu/?page=Flight Training](http://aviation.osu.edu/?page=Flight+Training).

Guidelines

1. If an Explorer is choosing to wash for training credit, those wash hours cannot be double-counted for service hours.
2. The number of aircraft washed for training credit is in addition to the aircraft that need to be washed for the Career Achievement Award. For example, if a student is trying to earn the Career Achievement Award, he/she will need to wash three aircraft to get the Career Achievement Award AND earn simulator instruction time.
3. Students must pick one training goal or the other when washing. For example, if a student washed eight aircraft, he/she would not be able to get four hours of simulator instruction AND enrollment in the ground school.
4. There may be opportunities for you to wash without a supervising instructor. For this to happen, you must have demonstrated superior responsibility and knowledge to your post advisor and supervising instructor(s) and have washed aircraft previously. If your post advisor thinks you are ready, he/she will then give you a test before allowing you to wash unsupervised.

5. The post advisor will limit the number of people in the wash bay at one time. This is at the discretion of the advisor.
6. Quality is expected in students' work. Do a thorough job of washing the aircraft. Sloppiness and laziness will be noticed and noted.
7. COMMUNICATE with your post advisor! Let your advisor know which training goal you are working toward. If there are days and times that are better for your schedule, let your advisor know! He/she can schedule an aircraft and the wash bay for you. Your post advisor is here to help you!

Again, please communicate with your post advisor. If you have any questions, contact information for your post advisor can be found on the Aviation Explorers Post 2009 website.