

# GI Bill Programs

## **Flight School Training without a college component:**

You must first obtain your Private Pilot License, with no GI Bill assistance, at any school of your choice. Additional flight training, with GI Bill assistance, requires attendance at a VA approved, FAA Part 141 flight school. Glacier Aviation is better equipped than most flight schools with financing sources for your Private Pilot License training or for all of your training. For example, we are one of very few schools in the Northwest that are able to offer Sallie Mae student loans. However, Glacier Aviation Inc. is not a VA approved, FAA Part 141 flight school. We operate under FAA Part 61, which is true for most flight schools. Many students have obtained their Private Pilot License with Glacier using Sallie Mae or other financing methods and then moved on to less convenient schools for subsequent training at a VA approved, FAA Part 141 school, when necessary.

Warrant Officer pilot applicants – Many individuals pursuing a pilot position in the Army have trained with Glacier Aviation for a Private Pilot License in either helicopters or fixed wing aircraft. Many have used a Sallie Mae loan to accomplish this and payments can be deferred while training plus an additional six months.

Montgomery GI Bill – At a VA approved, FAA Part 141 flight school the GI Bill will pay up to 60% of the cost and you will pay the balance. Again, this is after you obtain your Private Pilot License.

Post 9/11 GI Bill – At a VA approved, FAA Part 141 flight school the GI Bill will pay up to \$10,000 per year. Most students are not willing or able to train at this slow of a pace. Again, this is after you obtain your Private Pilot License. Some college programs will include flight training in their tuition costs and in this case the \$10,000 limit does not apply.

## **Flight School Training at Glacier Aviation with enrollment in a Utah Valley University (UVU) Online Aviation Degree program:**

UVU offers two Associate of Science (2 year) degrees and two Bachelor of Science (4 year) degrees in their Aviation Degree program. A fixed wing student can enroll in any of these four degree programs depending on their goals. Helicopter pilot students can only enroll in the Aviation Administration Bachelor of Science degree program. The many benefits of linking these programs will be explained below.

UVU does not include flight training costs at Glacier Aviation in their tuition and therefore the flight training costs are not paid under the GI Bill. The Post 9/11 BAH or the excess of Montgomery GI Bill receipts over your cost of tuition is available to you to use for flight training costs. UVU tuition is very reasonable at approximately \$2,500 per semester for a full time load of 12 credits.

With UVU enrollment, any GI Bill program would be classified under the "School Attendance" method, not the "Flight School" method of claiming GI Bill.

Montgomery GI Bill (not active military) – Your specific monthly GI Bill benefit amount is sent to you directly to pay for UVU tuition and flight training. The benefit is normally not sufficient to cover all costs. A student loan is normally necessary to cover some of the costs. See the last paragraph for further explanation.

Post 9/11 GI Bill (not active military) – Your UVU tuition is paid in full. You also receive monthly BAH at a rate of one half of the E5 level (a nationwide amount that is established each year for online college programs). A student loan is normally necessary to cover most of the flight training costs. See the last paragraph for further explanation.

Active military – Tuition is typically paid using Tuition Assistance or a combination of Tuition Assistance and the GI Bill, but GI Bill does not pay any BAH when on active duty.

### **Benefits of the UVU college degree program:**

You earn a college degree and from anywhere you need to live or work – it is all done online!

You open the door to all types of college financial aid to finance flight training, such as FAFSA (Pell Grants and Stafford Loans), Sallie Mae loans, Wells Fargo Collegiate Loans or any other private student loan programs offered to accredited colleges. The Aviation Department at UVU has its own Financial Aid Office to specifically assist only aviation students.

UVU is the only college that will include the flight training costs at an off campus flight school in the “cost of education” dollars that they must “certify” to student loan lenders. They will currently certify up to approximately \$36,000 per school year. A great source of financing to get your flight training done at a fast pace and at your hometown flight school!

Online degree – it can be completed while you live anywhere in the world, as you work as a Certified Flight Instructor or as a Commercial pilot, after completing your fast paced flight training at Glacier Aviation.

Loan payment deferral - until six months after you finish your degree providing you remain at least a half time student.

GI Bill payments continue, until you use the maximum, as long as you remain enrolled in UVU at least half time. Again the excess Montgomery funds and the Post 9/11 BAH can continue to be used to pay for flight training or to pay down student loans.

UVU has a Veterans Office to assist you directly with utilizing your veteran programs at UVU. Go to [veterans@UVU.edu](mailto:veterans@UVU.edu) or for the Aviation Dept. home page [www.FlyUVU.com](http://www.FlyUVU.com) and then the “Get Started” tab.

In most cases students want to fast track the flight training and move on with their pilot career. There are two huge benefits, worth emphasizing, to remaining in the college degree program after flight training is completed. The first benefit is that you can defer loan payments the whole time you are enrolled and therefore allowing you to get deeper into your pilot career and earning more income prior to making payments. The second benefit is that GI Bill payments continue to flow to you after flight training is over and therefore are a source of funds to start paying down student loans that were obtained for fast tracking the flight training.