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AVIATION CAREER

Aviation, as a whole, has very recently been recovering well and continues to show a high demand for qualified personnel, especially mechanics. While there at present is not an extremely high demand here at Teterboro, there continues to be expansion and growth for those mechanics willing to gain some experience and sharpen their skills at the surrounding airports such as Morristown and Essex County.

A major part of the ability to be hired is to have a proper attitude. Try to always maintain the mindset of "Aim for the top since most of the opportunity is there; a career is what you do, while a job is only where you do it" (Spindle Publishing).

A number of occupational tracks are available in aviation, from ground and support functions, up through the maintenance operations. The five major segments of aviation are General Aviation, Corporate, Commercial, manufacturing (OEM or Original Equipment Manufacturer) and the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facilities.

Support functions normally require no FAA certification while the maintenance functions do. This important distinction offers greatly expanded career offers for the certificated individuals. The certificate is often the best and quickest route to the start of an aviation career.

Those individuals wishing to move into management functions should obtain some form of college degree specifically tailored to the occupation they intend to pursue. An individual must perform the necessary research in selecting the degree program best suited for their pursuit.

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A good practice when job hunting is to know something about the company you want to work for. The following pages are from some typical company publications that can help you to research what's going on with a company, what their culture is like regarding their employees and customers, and other useful information if you are interested in applying for employment with that company. These publications are often available by contacting the company, looking in large libraries, and in many cases, on the Internet.

Any realistic job search would use information like this to plan writing of the resume, completing the application, and during the interview. Without it, you are at a disadvantage and reduce your chances of being employed.

Companies have the option of hiring anyone they choose. The often-used statement "Experience Required" sometimes is just a means of weeding out unsuitable candidates. Companies hire effective, motivated, dedicated, and truly interested people who can fit into the company and succeed. This means they really want a suitable employee and not the experienced person who is a poor employee with bad habits. The best thing to be is the suitable employee.

The best advice is to Network. Networking fills about 75% of jobs. Meeting and greeting personal friends and acquaintances, as well as attending professional meetings, such as PAMA, is extremely worthwhile. The school's website, as well as PAMA's, have job listings you can start looking at for employers. Just make sure to keep track of whom you have contacted.