

Student Support Services

Bristow Academy provides a variety of services to support students as needed. These services include:

- Free wifi in Academy buildings
- Meet students at the airport (with proper advance notification) and/or arrange student transport from arrival airport
- Recommend temporary hotel accommodation and provide additional assistance in finding accommodation.
- Help to establish bank account, Social Security number (as it applies to OPT), driver license, and assist students who may have Immigration issues as they relate to student visa status.
- Assistance with establishing utility services and the purchasing of furniture.
- Guidance in purchasing transportation and obtaining automobile insurance.
- Information on community services including churches and location of schools and day care centers.

Student Guidebook

Each student will receive a Student Guidebook upon registration. The Student Guidebook is a “go-to guide” with quick references on topics such as student visas, health insurance, TSA requirements, accommodation, and services available. The information given addresses questions frequently asked by our student body.

Student Services Programs

The Student Services Department provides a number of programs and events to benefit the student body including:

- Pilot Mentoring Program
- New Student Welcome Events
- Eat with U.S. Dinner in an American Home Program
- Facebook Student Exchange Group

Job Search Assistance

Bristow Academy Inc. maintains an 80% or greater graduate employment rate. All students are offered assistance with preparation of résumé and attendant materials. This includes cover letters, copying of certificates, logbooks, medical certificates, and reference letters. Bristow Academy Inc. provides each student with several resources regarding job searches to include posting job notices on the “Noteworthy News Board” and forwarding referral requests from other flight schools who may be hiring. Students are also advised of networking opportunities and encouraged to attend in-house Pilot Mentoring sessions in which aviation guests offer career advice and share information of potential opportunities. Information and assistance is also provided in the following areas:



- Telephone techniques
- Interview and meeting etiquette
- Pre/post interview correspondence and communication

Employment

Bristow Academy Inc. makes no guarantee of employment to any student under any circumstances. Bristow Academy Inc. guarantees to give each student the best education possible. Bristow Academy Inc. provides career advisement and job search assistance for each of our graduates. On successful completion of the Commercial and Certified Flight Instructor certificates, and a minimum of 150 hours in helicopters, the student is in a position to apply to entry-level jobs in the helicopter industry. (In order to flight instruct in the Robinson R-22 and Robinson R-44 the requirements of SFAR 73 have to be met.) Most entry-level jobs are for flight instructor positions and a pilot will normally work as a Certified Flight Instructor for a minimum of 12-18 months. At that point, assuming the pilot has accumulated approximately 1,000 - 1,500 hours, he/she would hope to move to flying larger turbine engine helicopters.