



Fort Drum
Career Skills Program (CSP)
Watertown International Airport

Overview of Career Skills Program (CSP):

Prepare for a transition into the aviation industry with the team at Watertown International Airport! Owned and operated by Jefferson County and located in the greater Thousand Islands and Fort Drum area, Watertown International provides a chance for service members to gain unique training and experience servicing general aviation and a diverse community of tenants from aeromedical services to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).



Every day our airport receives four flights through American Airline's and multiple departures and arrivals of general aviation aircraft. Approximately 46,000 passengers travel through our airport every year through American Airlines alone. Not included in that number are thousands of passengers traveling by way of private jets or corporate aircraft while visiting the area for business and pleasure. The county Airport Department is responsible for Airfield Management and a Fixed Base Operator that conducts fueling and Airfield Maintenance Activities. The scale of Watertown International allows our trainees to experience many diverse duties and responsibilities working hand and hand with our highly trained and experienced staff.



After a successful internship with Watertown International you may be considered for follow on employment. Our airport has routine openings during the summer season for temporary positions in airfield maintenance and flight line services. Success in these positions may lead to an offer of full-time employment based on your performance and the needs of the airport.

We offer three distinct tracks with flexibility to work across program tracks if the applicant desires additional training. Some experiences may include but are not limited to:

Airport Administration Track

- Finance and Administrative duties
- Customer Service
- Account Analysis
- Digitization of records
- Special projects
- Data Entry File Keeping and Typing
- Marketing Events and Projects
- Information Technology Activities





Airfield Maintenance and Fixed Base Operations (FBO) Tracks

- Aircraft Fueling Quality Control Operations
- Operation of specialized ground service equipment
- Airport Maintenance
- Aircraft Refueling
- Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting
- Airfield Electrical systems
- Navigation Aid Maintenance
- Pavement Maintenance
- Upkeep of HVAC and utility systems
- Airfield Wildlife Management
- Operation of medium-to-heavy equipment
- Customer Service

Training Overview:

The participant selects from one of our three focus areas or creates a unique combination track of various domains and training.

Participants will gain firsthand knowledge of the civilian aviation industry and be able to participate in a wide range of duties, activities, and training in airport operations and maintenance of airfields.



Participants may have the opportunity to earn a Safety-First Training Program qualification from the National Aviation Transportation Association (NATA), the industry standard for fuel line service and customer service specialists. Other participants have been certified in Airfield Firefighting, finance management, and other related disciplines as training is available. We offer a flexible educational environment that will allow participants to grow based on their interests and later career requirements.

Purpose/Outcome:

This internship allows its participants to gain exposure to the aviation industry, establish professional contacts, and build skills that will be essential to a transition into civilian aviation. Aviation is a high growth industry that has always counted on the skill and dedication of veterans to maintain said growth. Watertown International Airport and our team are excited to welcome interested applicants to train and grow with us, we'll ensure you take off to your new career with the confidence and knowledge to excel!

For more information: Active Duty Soldiers may contact Career Skills Program Installation Administrator at usarmy.drum.id-readiness.mbx.fdtap-csp@army.mil or call 315-772-1022.

Resume and interview required prior to internship acceptance, please contact Watertown International Airport for more information – airport@jeffersoncountyny.gov or call 315-786-6005.