

STARS Pilot Pathway Program

Your pathway to becoming a STARS helicopter pilot



Program overview

The Pilot Pathway program provides training and financial support for qualified helicopter pilots to gain night and/or instrument ratings. In return, pilots commit to a minimum period of service with STARS upon completion.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Valid commercial helicopter pilot license
- ✓ Completed HATRA exam (or HARON & HAMRA exams)
- ✓ Minimum 500 flight hours
- ✓ Successful recruitment process (interview, testing, background check)
- ✓ Commitment to safety and professionalism
- ✓ Passion for emergency medical services

Service commitment

Upon successful completion of the Pilot Pathway Program, the Pilot will be required to commit to working as a helicopter pilot for STARS for a term of:

Night Rating: 1 year

IFR Rating: 2 years

IFR + Night Rating: 3 years

Phase 1 | 2-6 weeks

IFR/Night Instrument Training

Depending on which training is required, the recruit will be sent to complete one of the following:

- Night Training (2 weeks)
- IFR Training (4-6 weeks)
- Combined IFR & Night (6 weeks)

Phase 2 | 3 weeks

H145 Type Rating

- One week of STARS ground training
- Hands-on Level D simulator training
- Pilot Proficiency Check with H145 type rating

Phase 3

Flight Line Transition & Home Base Integration

- Line indoctrination training including NVG flight training
- Mentored flight shifts & scheduled flight duty
- Ongoing six month simulator training