

## PRESS RELEASE

## Become a Part of Our First Cohort in the Commercial Aircraft Pilot Program!

**Val-d'Or, QC** (October 7, 2019) — The Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue is proud to launch officially the registration period to become a part of its first cohort in the Commercial Aircraft Pilot Program. From today until next December 20th, interested persons can fill out the admission application available on our website at <a href="https://www.cegepat.gc.ca/pilotage/">https://www.cegepat.gc.ca/pilotage/</a> to begin their training in the winter of 2020.

This new program, which lasts two years, leads to a Commercial Aircraft Pilot Attestation of College Studies (ACS) that will be dispensed by the Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the Centre québécois de formation aéronautique (CQFA) and a private service provider. The latter will be rigorously selected between now until next January and supervised by the CQFA for the flight training part to ensure that the standards and quality that have made the reputation of l'École nationale for around 50 years are upheld.

We remind you that because of their difficulties to recruit pilots in the region, the Air Creebec, Propair, Air Inuit and PALairlines companies asked the Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue to offer this program on this territory and directly targeted the Val-d'Or Campus as the place where the program would be taught. Future graduates will benefit from many outings and new graduates will tally 210 hours of flight training.

Sylvain Blais, Director General of the Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, reminds us that both First Nations and Non-First Nations persons are asked to submit their application. "Our college has vast expertise in teaching. Our partners, meaning the Cégep de Chicoutimi, the Centre québécois de formation aéronautique as well as regional and provincial airline carriers recognize this strength," adds the Director General.

The program will be dispensed in English and taught in part in the former administrative offices of the Val-d'Or Regional Airport. All relevant information related to the Commercial Aircraft Pilot Program will be explained in detail in French and in English on the website of the Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

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