

Education: Military Service Technical Training

Schools: U.S. Air Force

Introduction

AETC recruits new people into the U.S. Air Force and provides them with military, technical and flying training; and pre-commissioning, professional military and continuing education. After receiving basic training and prior to placement in Air Force jobs, enlisted people are trained in a technical skill. More than 1,350 active technical courses offer a wide variety of job skills for today's young adults. During their careers in the Air Force, every officer and enlisted person receives education and training administered by the command.



Basic Military Training

A basic military training course for all new enlistees in the regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard is conducted at Lackland AFB, Texas. Training starts on a Monday, with graduation on Friday six weeks later, followed by travel to technical training. In addition to processing and counseling, courses emphasize discipline, professional courtesy, physical fitness, teamwork and academic instruction in Air Force organization, history, human relations and quality Air Force principles.

Technical Training

Technical training in more than 250 technical specialties is provided to men and women in all branches of service throughout their careers. Technical training courses, many accredited through the Community College of the Air Force, provide job qualification and advanced training to Air Force people in support of their primary missions. Each year more than 175,000 students graduate from AETC formal training courses.



Resident courses are conducted at Keesler AFB; Lackland, Sheppard, and Goodfellow Air Force bases in Texas; and Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Keesler AFB is host to 2nd Air Forces only flying mission. The 45th Airlift Squadron conducts initial and upgrade training for C-12 and C-21 aircrews. The graduates are assigned to provide operational support airlift for a variety of missions around the world.

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Defense Language Institute English Language Center

International military members and some civilians attend full-time English language training at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center at Lackland AFB. The center is a Department of Defense agency that reports to AETC.

Inter-American Air Forces Academy

The Inter-American Air Forces Academy provides Spanish-language technical and management training to military forces and governmental agencies of Latin America and the Caribbean. The school at Lackland AFB provides training in 70 different courses for both officer and enlisted personnel.

Sample AETC Base: Keesler AFB, Mississippi

The base is home of Headquarters, (2 AF) and the 81st Training Wing (81 TW) of the Air Education and Training Command (AETC).



The 81 TW is responsible for the technical training of airmen in select skill areas immediately following their completion of basic training as well as providing additional or recurrent training they will need for upcoming assignments. On average, Keesler has 4,700 students on base at a time. Much of the training they receive is in the field of electronics, such as wideband maintenance, ground radio, information technology, [avionics](#), and cryptography.

The 81st Training Wing also trains personnel in the field of [meteorology](#), to include observing, weather analysis and forecasting, [radar](#) operations, air traffic control, Aviation Resource Management (ARMS), and tropical cyclone forecasting. The 81st Medical Group is also located at the base and operates the second largest medical center in the Air Force.

Other groups assigned to Keesler AFB include the Navy's CNATTU Keesler (Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit), a training unit for Navy and Marine personnel.

Keesler AFB is one of the largest technical training wings in the AETC. There are 5 training squadrons located in the triangle (Training complex) made up of the 332nd, 334th, 335th, 336th, and the 338th training squadrons.

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