



## Aviation Operations Specialist (15P)

Aviation Operations Specialists help operate one of the largest fleets of aircraft in the world. Hundreds of transport, passenger and combat airplanes and helicopters fly missions every day. Accurate flight information keeps operations safe and efficient. Aviation Operations Specialists prepare and provide flight information for air and ground crews.

The Aviation Operations Specialist is primarily responsible for scheduling and dispatching tactical aircraft missions. Here are some of the duties of an Aviation Operations Specialist:

- Process local and cross-country flight clearances
- Plan flight schedules and air crew assignments
- Coordinate flight plans
- Keep flight logs on incoming and outgoing flights
- Alert crash crews of emergencies
- Safeguard classified materials
- Interpret and post weather reports
- Maintain individual flight records and functional files

### TRAINING

Job training for an Aviation Operations Specialist consists of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and six weeks of Advanced Individual Training. Part of this time is spent in a classroom and part in the field under simulated combat. Some of the skills you learn are:

- Introduction to Army aviation operations
- Procedures for scheduling aircraft and assigning air crews
- Flight planning and airfield operations
- Preparing flight operation reports and records

### HELPFUL SKILLS

Helpful attributes include:

- Interest in work involving computers
- Ability to use typewriters and office machines
- Interest in aircraft and air traffic

Ability to keep accurate records  
Interest in mathematics

### **ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES**

Advanced level Aviation Operations Specialists supervise and train other Soldiers. As an advanced level Aviation Operations Specialist, you may be involved in:

- Reviewing, consolidating and preparing technical reports
- Knowing procedures for reporting flight violations
- Preparing situation maps
- Supervising the receipt and transfer of classified materials
- Participating in the development of tactical crash rescue systems

### **RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS**

Your training as an Aviation Operations Specialist will provide you with the skills that will make it possible for you to pursue a civilian career in aviation. Civilian flight operations specialists often work for commercial and private airlines, air transport companies and airports.

### **RELATED ARMY POSITIONS**

- Air Defense Tactical Operations Center Operator/Maintainer (14J)
- Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember (14M)
- Radio Operator/Maintainer (25C)
- Topographic Analyst (21U)
- Topographic Surveyor (21S)

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