Grand Canyon Helicopter Training Academy

Program Objectives

- Provide a safe & effective learning environment.
- Ensure students receive training applicable to their individual needs.
- Present developed curriculum to enhance knowledge beyond prerequisite courses.
- Maintain crew interaction to promote a “team building” environment.
- Motivate students to become knowledgeable and efficient aviation professionals.

Program Overview

- Both Helicopter Manager and Crewmember trainees are accepted. The only prerequisite is an initiated task book for the desired position.
- Trainees are in the program for two week sessions from May until the end of September.
- Maximum number of trainees per session is three. This provides an optimal training ratio between the students and trainers.
- Students will be a part of the crew during their session and participate in a variety of missions.

Logistics

- A camping area is set up behind the helibase. If other lodging is preferred, it will be at the cost of the home unit or student. The student will need to bring their own camping equipment.

- Home unit incurs all associated costs, but there is no tuition cost.
  - For federal agencies, overtime and hazardous duty pay can be supplied through the park but only by certain accounts, so prior arrangements should be in place with the home unit if those hours cannot be paid during the session.
  - For outside agencies, all cost will be on the home unit, however, lodging is still available.

Application and Scheduling

- Our nomination form is accepted October through February and is available on our website.
- Within two weeks of the nomination closing date we will call to let you know if you are in a slot or on the alternate list.
- Once notified, please keep the helibase up-to-date on your itinerary or any changes/cancellations.

Training Academy Students

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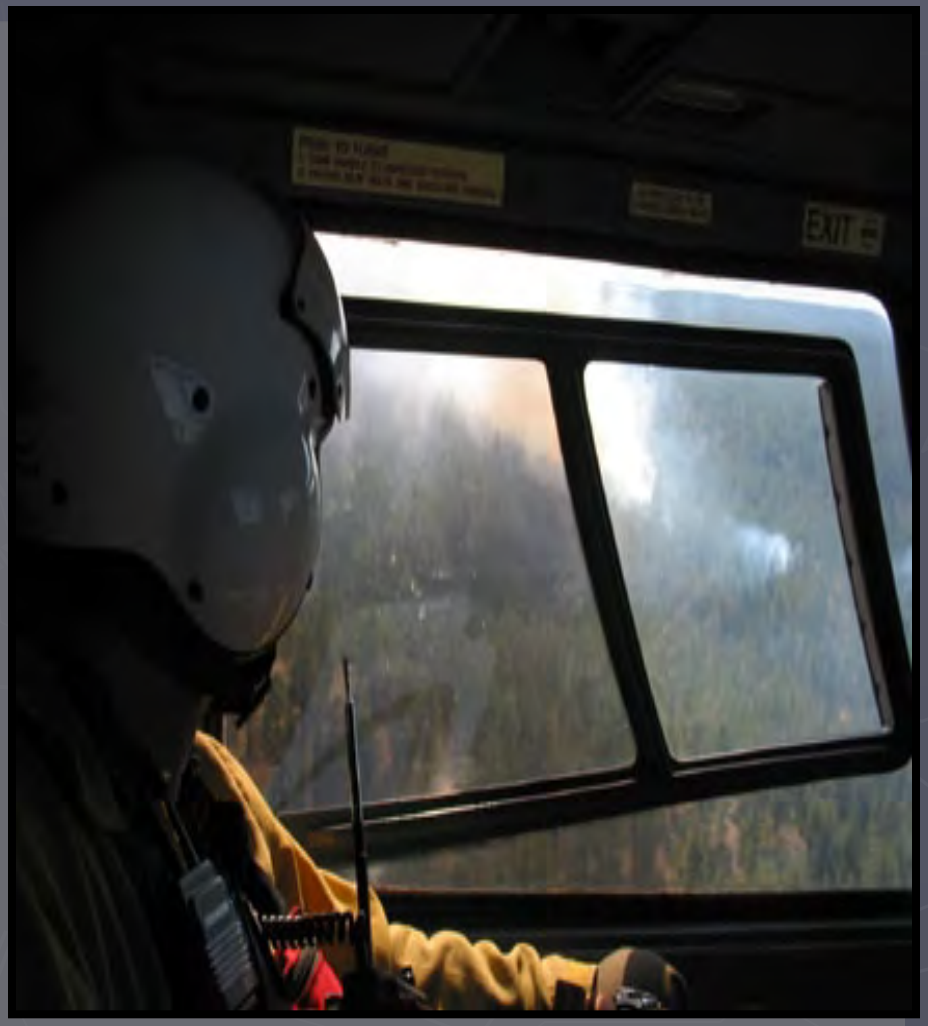
Crash Rescue, Extrication and Water Ditching

Helicopter Performance Charts

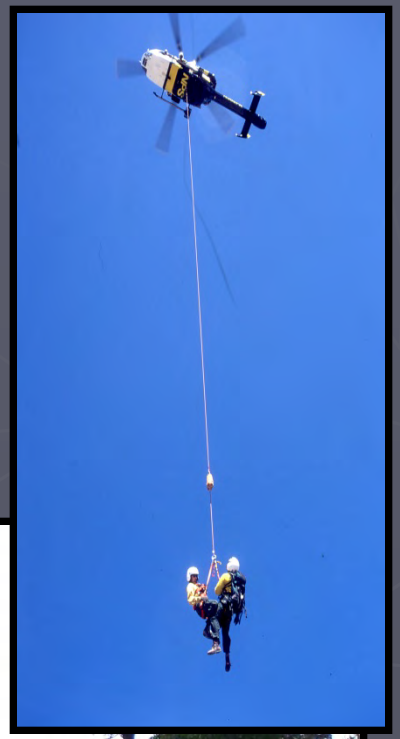
External Load Training

Firefighting Responses



Search and Rescue

- Students are given familiarization training in shorthaul operations, but are not able to be shorthauled.
- However, students are utilized as support personnel in SAR missions and used as flight managers for medical evacuations.



Field Medical Evacuations

Students may see multiple types of aircraft while assigned

Physical Training

- Trainees will participate in the structured crew P.T. program.
- Trainings include running, hiking, circuits, push-ups, pull-ups, and sit-ups .
- P.T. occurs at 7000 feet daily, prepare and train appropriately.

Come Join Us!

Questions?
Contact the Helibase Supervisor
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http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/heli_program.htm