USU Eastern bringing two aviation programs to Price

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Two new aviation programs debut at Utah State University Eastern’s campus fall semester 2019: aviation technology (pilot’s license) and aviation maintenance management.

The Price program will be an extension of the Logan campus program which has grown to capacity of 300 students, 15 instructors and 15 aircraft. USU administrators have crossed all of the T’s and dotted all of the I’s and are now are waiting for Federal Aviation Administration approval of the Carbon County Airport, classrooms, hanger space and security. They teamed up with the Carbon County Civil Air Patrol who already has classrooms and hanger space for the program.

According to Dr. Jamie Cano, associate vice chancellor of professional and technical education, Eastern’s program will admit between 25-100 students. He could not say enough positive statements of how well the local airport lends itself to the new program, “it’s got one of the longest and best maintained runways in the state. The capacity at this airport is tremendous for our students.”

Eastern will start by offering an associate of applied science program using cutting-edge technology with exceptional training to produce high quality pilots and technicians the industry needs. Upon graduation, students will transfer to the Logan campus for their bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

The professional pilot students can choose an emphasis in fixed wing or rotorcraft. Upon completion of the program, students receive FAA certifications and are trained to be commercial pilots. Maintenance-management students complete courses required for FAA Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) licenses.