

Commonly Encountered R-ATP Scenarios

1. A student enrolls at Liberty University with a previously earned Private Pilot Certificate. Will this affect their R-ATP eligibility?
 - a. **No.** R-ATP eligibility will not be affected. Private Pilot flight training can be completed anywhere (either Part 61 or Part 141), and the student remains eligible to earn the R-ATP Certifying Statement.
2. A student enrolls at Liberty University with a previously earned Private Pilot Certificate. Will this affect their ability to meet the 30- or 60-hour academic credit hour requirements to earn the 1250- or 1000-hour R-ATP Certifying Statement?
 - a. **No.** If that Private Pilot training was completed through another FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education, with official transcript verification, those earned credit hours can be applied to meet both R-ATP and graduation requirements.
 - i. List of FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher learning can be found at:
 1. https://www.faa.gov/pilots/training/atp/media/Institutional_Authority_List.pdf
 - b. **Yes.** If that Private Pilot training was **not** completed through another FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education, the student will only be granted academic credit to meet graduation requirements. These credit hours **cannot** be applied towards the 1250- or 1000-hour R-ATP Certifying Statement.
3. A student enrolls at Liberty University with a previously earned Instrument Rating. Will this affect their R-ATP eligibility?
 - a. **No.** If that Instrument training was completed Part 141 through another FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education, with official transcript verification, the student will remain eligible to earn the R-ATP Certifying Statement.
 - i. List of FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher learning can be found at:
 1. https://www.faa.gov/pilots/training/atp/media/Institutional_Authority_List.pdf
 - b. **Yes.** If that Instrument training was **not** completed Part 141 through another FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education, the student will be disqualified and not be eligible to earn the R-ATP Certifying Statement.
4. A student enrolls at Liberty University with a previously earned Instrument Rating *and* Commercial Certificate. Will this affect their R-ATP eligibility?
 - a. Please reach out to RATPonline@liberty.edu regarding this. Our office will handle these situations on a case-by-case basis.
5. If a currently enrolled flight student at Liberty University elects to complete their Instrument or Commercial training outside Liberty University, will this affect their R-ATP eligibility?

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- a. **Yes.** To remain eligible for the R-ATP Certifying Statement, both Instrument and Commercial training must be completed through a Part 141 FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education.
 - b. Instrument or Commercial Training completed at a non-Part 141 FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education would disqualify the student and **not** be eligible for the R-ATP Certifying Statement.
6. For other than Instrument or Commercial training, if a currently enrolled flight student at Liberty University elects to complete additional flight training outside Liberty University, will this affect their R-ATP eligibility?
- a. **No.** Other than Instrument and Commercial training, there is no requirement for additional flight training (i.e., most commonly, CFI, CFII, MEI) to be conducted at a Part 141 FAA R-ATP authorized institution of higher education.
 - b. **However,** additional flight training received outside Liberty University will result in the student being awarded Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) academic credit.
 - c. PLA credits **cannot** be applied to satisfy the FAA 30- or 60-hour academic credit hour requirements to earn the 1250- or 1000-hour R-ATP Certifying Statement.

For additional questions contact:

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