

# Texas State Technical College FAST Trac Powerplant Program

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**WECM Course Rubric Number/CIP Code:** XXXX-xxxx / 47.0608

**Course Hours:** 100 course hours (General-40/Powerplant-60)

**Course Description and Objectives:** Study of Federal Aviation Administration subject matter in the General and Powerplant curricula with a focus on building knowledge of new materials, techniques and physical skills. This training is designed to provide the knowledge and skills not provided by civilian or military training and experience that are required to obtain the civilian Aviation Maintenance Technician certificate. Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- Weigh aircraft, perform weight-and-balance check, and record data and information derived from the weight and balance check.
- Write descriptions of work performed including aircraft discrepancies corrective actions using typical aircraft maintenance records and required maintenance forms, records, and inspection reports.
- Apply information contained in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and manufacturers' aircraft maintenance specifications, data sheets, manuals, and publications and related Federal Aviation Regulations, Airworthiness Directives, and Advisory material.
- Analyze technical data and exercise mechanic privileges within the prescribed limitations.
- Perform precision measurement procedures; identify and select non-destructive testing methods; perform non-destructive testing and heat treating procedures; identify and select aircraft hardware and materials; fabricate and install fluid lines and fittings; and inspect welds.
- Identify principles of basic aerodynamics; identify design principles of aircraft structures; and describe the theory of flight.
- Start, ground operate, move, service, and secure aircraft; identify typical ground operation hazards and safety; inspect, identify, remove, and treat aircraft corrosion.

- Calculate and measure electrical power, voltage, current, resistance, and continuity; determine the relationship of voltage, current, and resistance in electrical circuits; interpret aircraft electrical circuit diagrams including solid states devices and logic functions; inspect and service batteries.
- Inspect, check, service, and repair propeller synchronizing systems, ice control systems, fixed-pitch, constant-speed, and feathering propellers and propeller governing systems and repair aluminum alloy propeller blades.
- Identify the components of a reciprocating engine; inspect, troubleshoot, check, service, and repair engine instrument systems; inspect, service, and repair lubrication and exhaust systems.
- Maintain powerplant electrical systems and components; maintain powerplant ignition, starting, and fire protection systems.
- Inspect, check, service, troubleshoot, and repair engine fuel systems and components, fuel metering systems and components, reciprocating and turbine engine fuel metering systems, engine ice and rain control systems, heat exchangers, superchargers, turbine engine airflow and temperature control systems.
- Overhaul reciprocating engines; inspect, check, service, and repair reciprocating engines and engine installations.
- Overhaul turbine engines; inspect, check, and repair turbine engines.
- Perform powerplant conformity inspections and powerplant airworthiness inspections.

**Prerequisites:** FAA authorization to take General and Powerplant written, oral and practical examinations.

**Certification (Y/N):** Yes

**Course Outline:** (table below)

Subject Area	Subject Hours	Reference Materials
a. basic electricity	8	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
b. aircraft drawings	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
c. weight and balance	4	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide

d. fluid lines and fittings	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
e. materials and processes	3	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
f. ground operation and servicing	3	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
g. cleaning and corrosion control	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
h. mathematics	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
i. maintenance forms and records	4	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
j. basic physics	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
k. maintenance publications	6	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
l. mechanic privileges and limitations	2	FAA Handbook 8083-30; FARs, General Study Guide
<b>General total hours</b>	<b>40</b>	

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Subject Hours</b>	<b>Reference Materials</b>
a. reciprocating engines	6	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
b. turbine engines	5	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
c. engine inspection	4	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
d. engine instrument systems	3	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
e. engine fire protection systems	2	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
f. engine electrical systems	4	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
g. lubrication systems	2	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
h. ignition and starting systems	10	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
i. fuel metering systems	8	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study

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j. engine fuel systems	3	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
k. induction and engine airflow systems	3	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
l. engine cooling systems	2	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
m. engine exhaust and reverser systems	3	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
n. propellers	4	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
o. auxiliary power units	1	FAA Handbook 8083-32; FARs, Powerplant Study Guide
<b>Powerplant total hours</b>	<b>60</b>	