



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
Date: November 12, 2025
Subject: Air Traffic Control Training Programs Survey

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Air Traffic Controllers' Association have identified that [over ninety percent \(90%\) of the nation's airport terminal towers are understaffed](#). This shortage has only worsened due to the federal government shutdown that began on October 1, 2025. We aim to address this challenge, starting with initiatives in New Jersey.

On June 19, 2025 the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) [issued a broadcast](#) encouraging eligible institutions to apply for the Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative. We are now seeking insights into current aviation programs as well as the potential for developing new pathways in air traffic control and aviation programs.

We kindly ask you (or designee) to complete the survey found [here](#) to better understand your institution's current programs and/or pathways currently being considered in air traffic control and aviation administration.

Please complete the following survey by **5 p.m. November 17, 2025**: [Aviation Degrees & The Study of Air Traffic Control](#).

For application and eligibility information on the Air Traffic Collegiate Training Initiatives, please visit: [How to Apply](#).

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