



# VAN NEVEL HELICOPTERS ACADEMY

## TURBINE HELICOPTER TRAINING

MARCH 2006: Van Nevel Helicopters Academy continues to move forward with their ALL TURBINE Factory Flight Training Center. Official start date for the first class is scheduled for June 28, 2006. Initial class size will begin with 10 to 12 students 4 helicopters, 1 simulator and 3 instructors. Classes will begin every 6 to 8 weeks with an increasing class size as more helicopters and instructors come on line. Currently, Van Nevel Helicopters has 9 aircraft on the production line allocated to the flight school and scheduled to become available by the end of this year. Projections for 2007 include the increase to 20 helicopters and the addition of three new helicopters every year. Advanced training will be conducted in the new Chelton Equipped Model VN1100 once approved, giving students in depth training on systems of today's helicopters.

Van Nevel Helicopters Academy has gained approval from Pilot Finance to offer loans up to \$20,000. Although this funding will not take students through the complete Professional Pilot Training program, it will enable prospective students the ability to start their training, or pick up where they left off at another flight training facility. The financing will also give those who choose to get one rating the ability to enter the course of instruction.

Academy Director, Cedric Van Nevel, reports that the application for CATS testing center has been submitted and is expected to be approved by mid to late April. Van Nevel also indicates that the Academy will also be able to offer other means of financing such as Sallie Mae, and Pilot Career Foundation by early May. This source of financing will give students who seek to make flying a career the ability to go through the complete Professional Pilot Training Program and will provide means of paying not only for training, but campus housing and some incidentals as well.

Applications for admission will be sent to the current prospective students by the end of March and will be processed on a first come first serve basis. The Professional Pilot Training Program will be priced under \$60,000 for students that have no flight experience and will take them from Private Pilot to Certified Flight Instructor using their model 1100 helicopter which is powered by the Rolls Royce 250-C20B turbine engine. Students who will be entering the course with previous flight experience or those who wish to transfer to the Academy from other flight schools will need to submit their flight time on the application and an estimate of the cost to complete their training will be assessed by the Academy Director.

Other goals on the Director's agenda include FAR Part 141 Pilot School Certification, Title IV Accreditation, and approval for the issuance of M1, J1 Visa for foreign students. Additional information can be obtained and will be posted as it becomes available on the factory's web site [www.fh1100.com](http://www.fh1100.com).

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