

WHAT IS A CAPSTONE?



EVALUATE YOUR CREDENTIALS

Name _____

Class _____

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate credentials that you currently hold, and how they might relate to a job in aviation.

PROCEDURE

1. Identify any credentials that you have earned thus far. Credentials might include courses you have completed, tests that you have passed (e.g. advanced placement exams, FAA private pilot written exam, etc.), or certifications that you have earned (e.g. CPR certification, Google badges, Eagle Scout, student pilot certificate, etc.). Record your credentials in the space below.
2. Use the Credentials Checklist on the following page. Ideally, the credentials you evaluate should be related in some way to an aviation career you are considering. Make additional copies of the table as necessary.

QUESTIONS

1. Do any of the credentials you have identified “stack,” or build on each other? If so, how. If not, how might you obtain new credentials that do stack?
2. How are these credentials relevant to your desired career path in aviation?

GOING FURTHER

Continue using this checklist to evaluate new credentials as you obtain them.

CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST

- If your credential meets a criterion in the checklist, write “Yes” in the righthand column for that row.
- If a criterion does not apply to your credential, write “No” in the righthand column for that row.

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Criteria	Yes/No
The credential is recognized, issued, or endorsed by a recognized certifying organization (e.g., FAA-administered exams such as the Private Pilot Knowledge Test).	
The credential is a required or preferred qualification on multiple job postings found in established search engines.	
The credential is sought by multiple established employers.	
The credential leads to or is a license or certification to perform an in-demand job or occupation.	
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