FlightSafety's LEAP program develops future Aviation Managers with the knowledge and skills to successfully lead corporate flight departments.

Created, taught, and mentored by highly successful former aviation leaders, this program focuses on teaching practical and performance-based content that cannot be found in textbooks. Each LEAP module provides an in-depth view of the realities of the job and what to avoid as attendees transition to a leadership role.

BRIDGING THE GAP

We believe that a gap exists in the industry between technical professionals (pilots, maintenance technicians and dispatchers) and the people who lead them. Very often the role of Aviation Manager is a giant leap from the roles that precede it. LEAP develops future leaders to close this gap in support of their companies. We believe that by focusing on the leadership skills required to be successful Aviation Managers, we can elevate the industry to new levels.

DESIGNED FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS

FlightSafety's LEAP program is designed for members of flight departments who display leadership potential, strong interpersonal skills, and exceptional performance in their current positions. Ideally, participants will be identified and enrolled by their current employer as part of their on-going employee development.

WHAT MAKES LEAP DIFFERENT?

Unlike other existing leadership training, LEAP continues to support attendees after the classroom training is complete. Aviation leadership experts provide one-on-one mentorship sessions to help clients complete a special project—a practical assignment that reflects the tasks and responsibilities faced by the customer’s operation.

In addition, this program requires the involvement and support of the attendees direct boss to facilitate their training from start to finish, and evaluate the successful completion of each module.

The culmination of LEAP’s expert, tailored, long-term training provides new leaders with:

- **Practical experience** with Aviation Manager responsibilities
- **A network** of peers to reach out to throughout your career
- **Mentorship hours** by aviation leadership experts
- **Lasting leadership** skill sets tailored to your company

FlightSafety International’s LEADERSHIP FOR AVIATION PROFESSIONALS (LEAP) PROGRAM
FlightSafety’s LEAP program is divided into 5 modules, with each module taking approximately 6 months to complete.

Each module begins with a self-assessment of the skills, knowledge and experience required to successfully run a flight department. Attendees will use this as a baseline to identify areas of opportunity for their personal development as they make their way through the LEAP program.

Following the self-assessment, attendees will then complete the Pre-work, which involves gathering information about their organization’s various functions to be used for discussion and analysis in the classroom training.

Attendees will then attend a 3-day classroom training taught by aviation leadership experts, where they will build relationships and network with other participants from the program.

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MENTOR & SPECIAL PROJECT | Following classroom training, attendees will be mentored one-on-one through the completion of their special project, which will be individually tailored to meet company needs.

PROGRAM FEES

$15,000 USD per module*

*Includes tuition, program materials, meals and networking dinner during classroom training, six one-hour mentoring sessions, and monthly webinars.

LOCATION

FlightSafety International Learning Center
Dallas, Texas
INSTRUCTORS AND CREATORS OF LEAP

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Executive Director of Business Aviation Development, FlightSafety International. Former Director of Aviation at IBM and Vice President of Aviation at American Express. Served on the NBAA board of Directors (including as Vice Chairman / Chairman) and is a current Board member of the Westchester Aviation Association.

DOUG SCHWARTZ | Program Mentor/Instructor
Former Manager, Global Aviation Services at ConocoPhillips and Director of Aviation at AT&T. Former member of the NBAA Board of Directors and Governing committee of IBAC. Currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Flight Safety Foundation, the Board of Trustees of the National Aviation Hall of Fame and Technical Advisory Committee of Corporate Angels Network.

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"The Leadership for Aviation Professionals (LEAP) training will be an eye-opening experience for students who are serious about further developing their leadership skills and succeeding as a leader of one’s organization. Yes, the training will help you learn what your leadership skills are and how they affect your ability to lead. It will also help you develop more effective skills, make better decisions, build strong teams, and manage conflict.

The LEAP training program is unique and unlike others because it has incorporated real world scenarios and interactive dialogue with experienced and proven leaders to help the student more fully understand the dynamics of leadership and how it affects the success of his organization. The training effectively bridges the gap between the institutional training a student has had and the real work situations and issues he/she will experience!

In our highly demanding and competitive industry effective leadership is essential and crucial. LEAP, with its creative interactive approach, will help the student achieve the desired result of being a more effective leader than any other training program I have participated in or observed in the past. It will definitely add significant value to a student’s leadership skills toolbox!"

Ken Emerick
Founder & CEO, KEE Consulting; Former Executive Director General Motors Worldwide Travel Services., General Motors Aviation; Former Chairman, NBAA

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