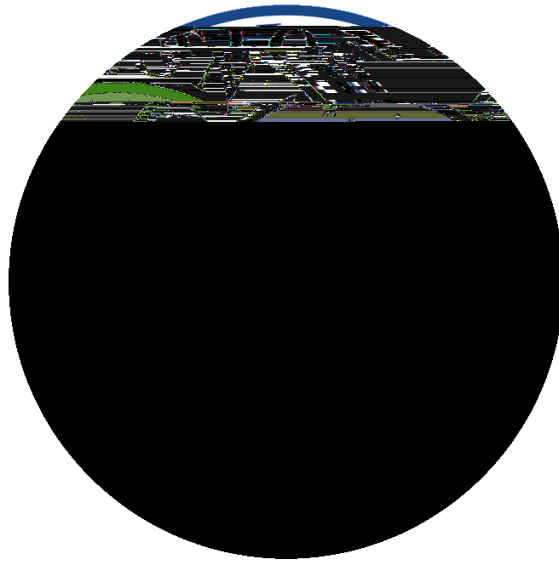


*National Test Pilot School*

**Operational Test and Evaluation Short Course**



**Joining Instructions**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the National Test Pilot School! These notes will help you prepare to attend the Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) Course at the National Test Pilot School in Mojave, California. These notes are more specific than the General Information page on the NTPS website ([www.ntps.edu](http://www.ntps.edu)) and take precedence. If you have any questions not answered by these notes, feel free to contact the school administration:

Director of Admissions  
National Test Pilot School

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Bottomline: The NTPS OT&E Course provides the tools, and prepares the student to plan, execute, analyze, and report on operational test events at their home station.

### **Course Dates**

Your class will commence and end on the dates shown on the NTPS web site. **The course begins at 8:00am Pacific Time on the first Monday and ends at 12:30pm on the Friday of the third week.**

### **Training Standards**

The academic and flight instruction standards of the National Test Pilot School are set very high. Our instructors have an average of twenty-two years experience in flight testing of military and civilian aircraft (many have over 30 years of experience), and are well versed in classroom, aircraft, and flight instruction. NTPS insists our academic instructors are also experienced flight testers. This insures the DT&E and OT&E flight test experience is brought directly into the classroom. The NTPS academic subjects are taught towards the goal of practical applications in DT&E/OT&E flight testing and certification of aircraft and aircraft systems. The majority of the NTPS staff (pilots and flight test engineers) are graduates of a military test pilot school, bringing to NTPS a wide breadth of flight test and engineering experience.

## **STUDENT PREPARATION**

### **Language**

English is used exclusively at the National Test Pilot School. The student must be proficient in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing in the English language. There is no time allocated during the course for enhancing a student's ability to use English. If English is a second language for the student, every effort should be made prior to arrival to ensure that language will not be an obstacle for the student. *There are no pre-course preparations for the NTPS OT&E Course.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### **Lodging**

Students are responsible for arranging their own lodging, and a complete list of hotels is available on the NTPS web site (<https://www.ntps.edu/information/general-information-a-lodging.html>). Based on past experience, the school **highly recommends** staying in the city of Palmdale where the hotels are more closely grouped and are near multiple dining, shopping, social, and theater areas. This will **simplify** student homework exercises/ project test planning during the evenings and on weekends. Student feedback indicates there are no suitable hotels in Mojave, CA or Rosamond, CA that meet minimal lodging standards.

Four suite hotels (all rated highly by past students) may offer military rates or special rates to NTPS students. W Test Pilot School

there is no guarantee of these rates. These hotels have also honored the  
t is best to check directly with the hotel before  
booking your rooms.

**Embassy Suites**, 39375 5th Street West, Palmdale, CA 93551, Phone: (661) 266-3756.  
Suite with small fridge, free breakfast and free dinner snacks and reception. Check  
website for current rates.

**Staybridge Suites**, 420 West Park Drive, Palmdale, CA, (661) 947-9300  
Suite with small kitchen and one queen bed. Check website for current rates.

**Oxford Suites**, 1651 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA, (661) 949-3423. Suite with small  
kitchen and one queen bed. Check website for current rates.

**TownePlace Suites**, 2024 W. Ave J-8, Lancaster, CA, (661) 723-6709  
Suite with small kitchen and one queen bed. Check website for current rates.

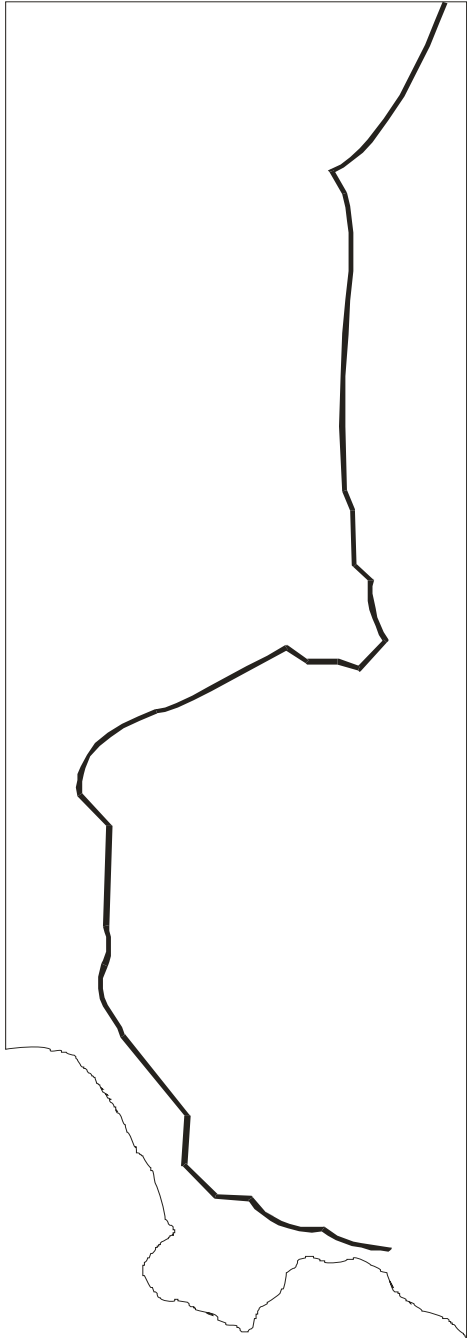
### **Dress Requirements**

The majority of NTPS students are active duty military or government personnel. Daily  
classes may be attended in flight suit, service/utility uniform, or informal  
civilian clothing . Students are encouraged to bring/wear their service  
flight suit or their service utility uniform; however, this is **not** a school requirement. Non-  
military students may also wear their flight suit or utility uniform. Students are also  
encouraged to bring a set of cloths that can get dirty during the RML&A remove and  
replace maintenance exercise (flight suit or utility uniform is OK for this exercise).

### **Computers**

It is **strongly recommended** that students bring their personal laptop computer or  
tablet for use in class and their quarters, a





**Driving directions from LAX are as follows:**

From the airport, take Interstate 405 north. I-405 will end and merge with I-5. Continue north, taking the exit for Highway 14 north to Palmdale/Lancaster. Total distance is approximately 100 miles. Driving time is about two hours except in heavy traffic periods.

**Directions to Mojave:** Continue north on Hwy 14 approximately 20 miles until arriving in Mojave. Turn right on Highway 58; go about one mile and turn left onto the airport. At the first stop sign turn right, and go to the end; turn left and the school is the large brown building #72 at the end.