

ACP Rating

Area Control Procedural



Course aim

This course gives students the knowledge and skills they need to work as Air Traffic Controllers in an Area Control Procedural environment. Additionally, they develop a further and more specific understanding of the complete Air Traffic Management system.

This course can either be part of students' Initial Training or a further Rating Training for active Air Traffic Controllers. Students who pass the course may apply for an ACP Student ATCO License.

After completion of this course, the students:

- Have the necessary skills to perform the Area Control Procedural Service in an area control procedural environment safely, expeditiously, and orderly, as well as according to rules and regulations.
- Have knowledge of the importance of teamwork and of human factors-related matters that can affect personal and team performance.

Course structure

The standard course takes 3 weeks and consists of 3 days of theory followed by practical training in the simulator.

Theoretical training

We deliver the theoretical part of the course through a blend of classroom training, group work, and discussions. Throughout the course, eLearning elements allow a flexible learning environment as students participate in these lessons online.

Simulator training

The course focuses on specific tasks, separation standards, and methods used in a procedural environment, for example: area control unit responsibilities, vertical and horizontal separation, holding, and local operating instructions.

Content in brief

The course covers topics such as, but not limited to:

- Area control unit responsibilities, for example airspace structure, area of responsibilities, and co-ordinations between APP, TWR and ACC.
- Generic airspace and local operating instructions, for example strip marking, ATC clearances, and local airspace and regulations.

- Vertical and horizontal separation (RNAV excerpt).
- Horizontal separation, RNAV, and Holding.
- Briefing and debriefing in the simulator.
- Unusual and/or emergency situations.

Prerequisites

- Completion of our [Basic ATC course](#) or equivalent.
- Completion of our [ACS course](#) or equivalent.
- English language skills of ICAO level 4 or higher.

Compliance with regulations

- The course is compliant with Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340.
- The course is approved by the Swedish National Supervisory Authority.
- Entry Point North is certified as a training organization by the Swedish National Supervisory Authority.