

C) Training for New Jobs

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Women Cut Class Time

Women are adapting themselves to aircraft work so rapidly and well that many of them become fully qualified for employment after as little as two and a half weeks of training. . . . "Although the course has been cut to four weeks, still further savings of time can be brought about, for when we see that the student has had enough learning to do a job we give her one," Morgan C. Monroe, employment manager at Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, asserted.

While many women have responded patriotically to the training and placement offered at the 10 schools which supply Republic Aviation with personnel, there still remains a need for many more workers.

Newsday, October 13, 1942

Women Will Learn Tracing, Drafting

Classes in tracing and drafting will be offered to women by the Port Washington Vocational School this month to meet the demand in industry for tracers and draftsmen, to replace men drawn into the armed forces.

Prospective trainees for the course should have the following qualifications: some training in drawing; first year high school mathematics; a sample of the trainee's workmanship in drafting or drawing.

Newsday, October 16, 1942

Free Technical Courses For Women at Adelphi

Tuition-free war engineering training will be made available to Long Island women through a war industries training center to be established at Adelphi College by N.Y.U.'s college of engineering. . . .The proposed course, . . . will be given eight hours daily for eight weeks, and will be limited solely to women high school graduates who have a math and science background. . . .

Purpose of the course is to prepare women for the many vital jobs that will be opened when deferred men are drafted from their aircraft and other war work jobs. . . . It is expected that many low-salaried high school graduates, presently employed in non-essential industries, will be made available for war service.

The course will cover aircraft mathematics, elements of engineering, drawing, and aircraft materials processes, and will equip women for positions as testers, inspectors, and engineering aids.

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Women Will Net Weekly Salary of \$31 At Ranger While Training

Some will be selected for the engine-testing positions; and others will be accepted and trained as drill press or milling machine operators, lathe hands, or for placement in the burring department. The placement of women on the test jobs is not new; many classes have been graduated since the program was inaugurated last September.

Questions:

- 1- Do you think employers were surprised that women learned to do these jobs so quickly and effectively? Why?
- 2- In your opinion, why didn't women perform these jobs before World War II?
- 3- If you were a woman in this time period, would you have been interested in one of these jobs? Why?