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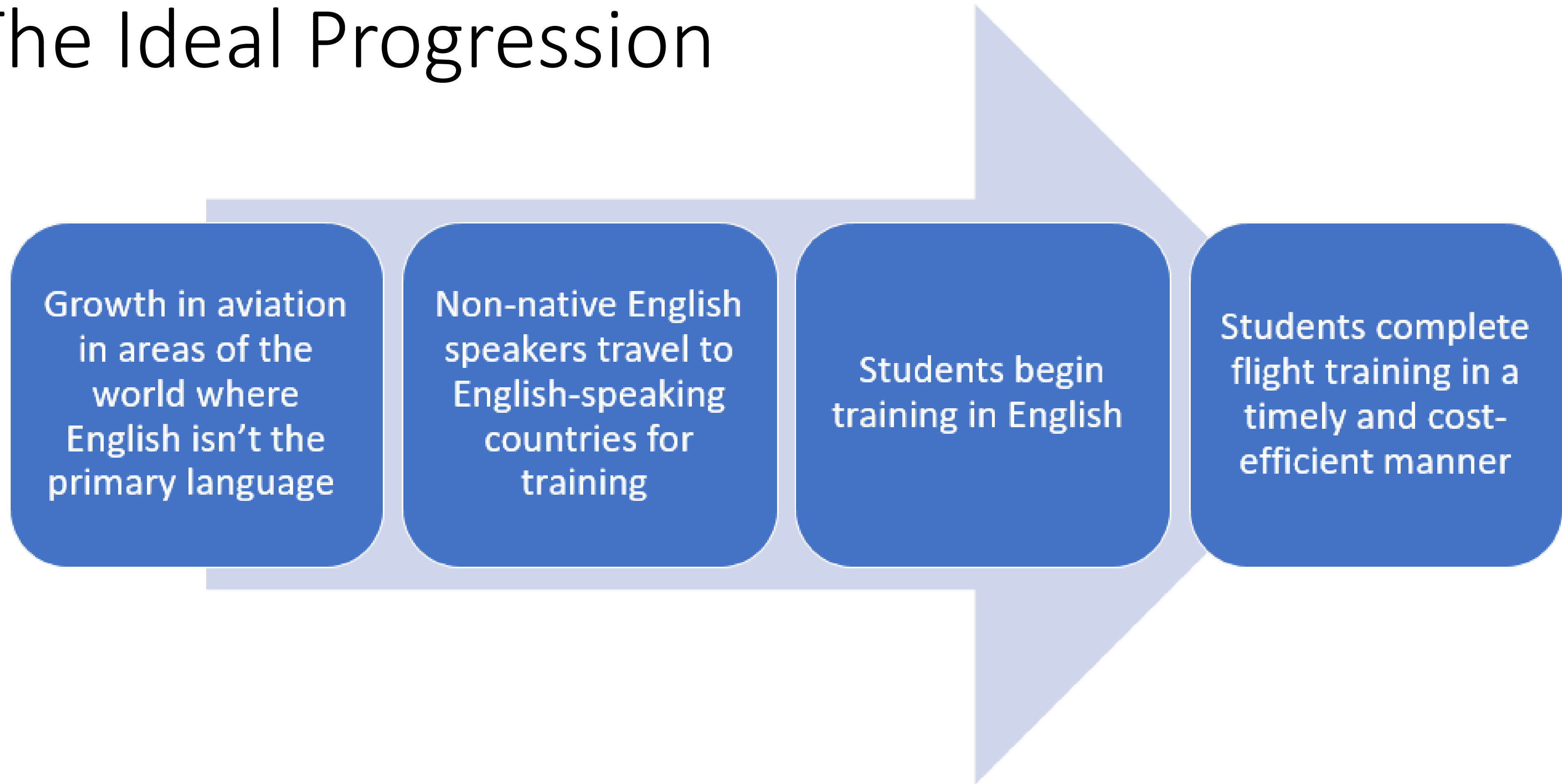


# Presentation Outline

- NNES and the Flight Training Context
- ERAU's Flight Training Program
- Assessment
- Curriculum
- Future Directions

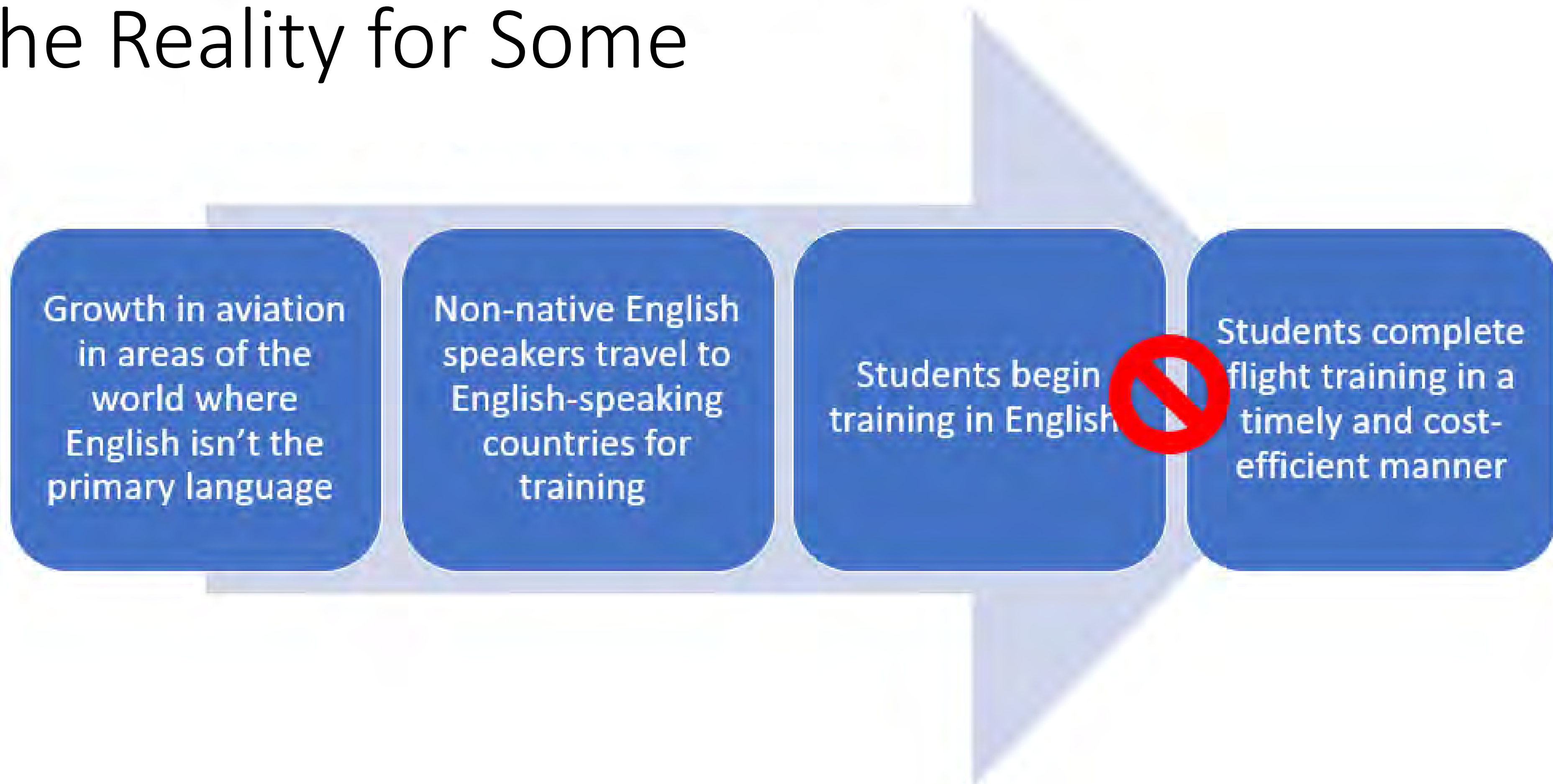


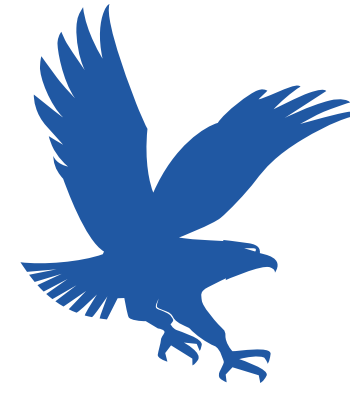
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# The Reality for Some



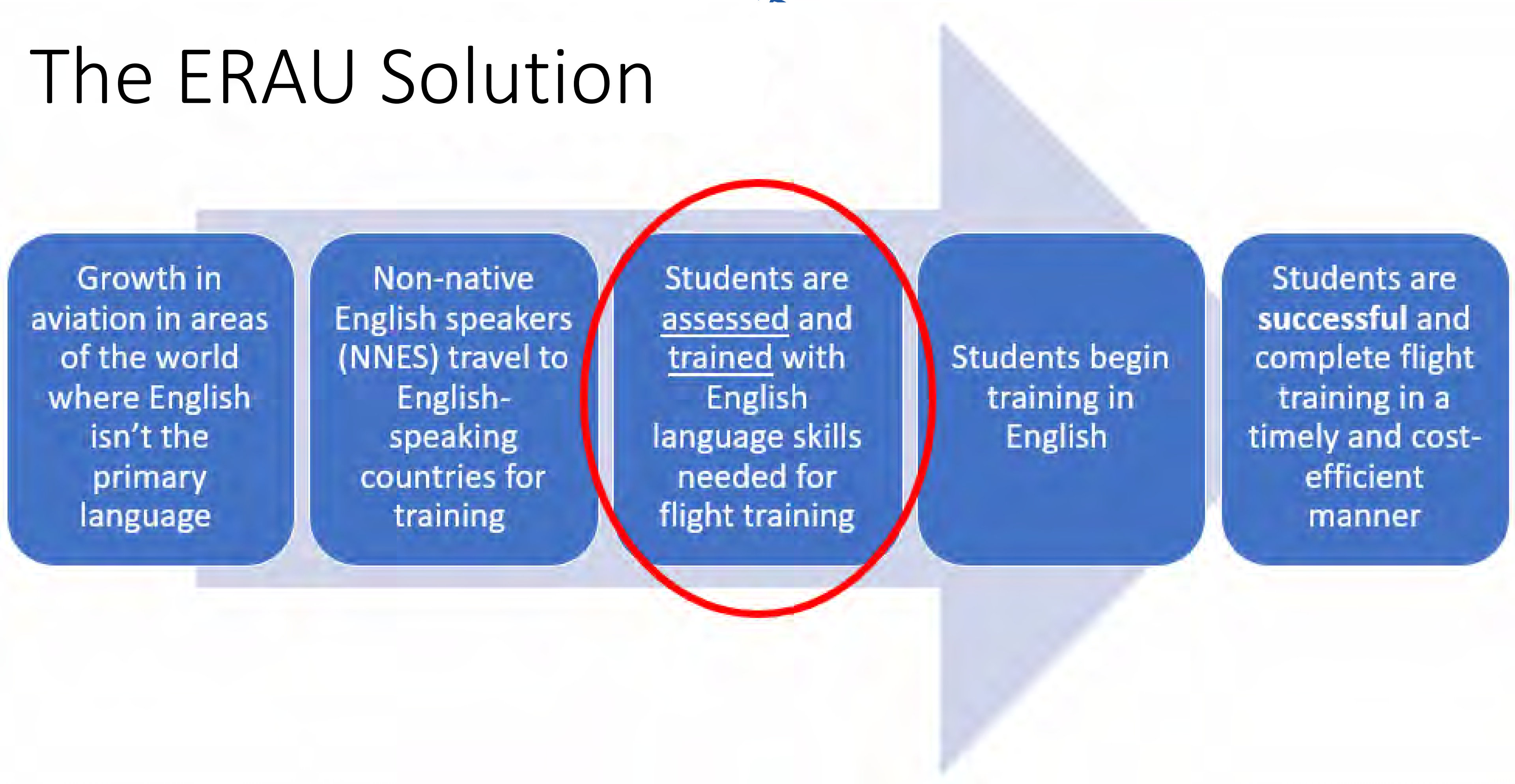


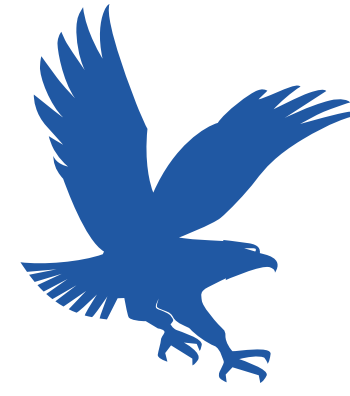
# ERAU DB's Flight Training Program

- 500 students per year; 19-20% NNES students
- Academic admission requirements not specific to flight training screening
- Internal Quality Management System → Need to address NNES language issue
- Collaboration between Flight Department and Language Specialists



# The ERAU Solution

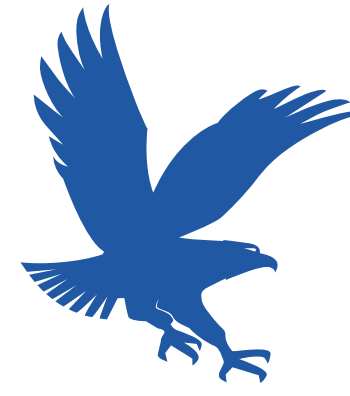




# English for Flight Training Assessment™ (EFTA)

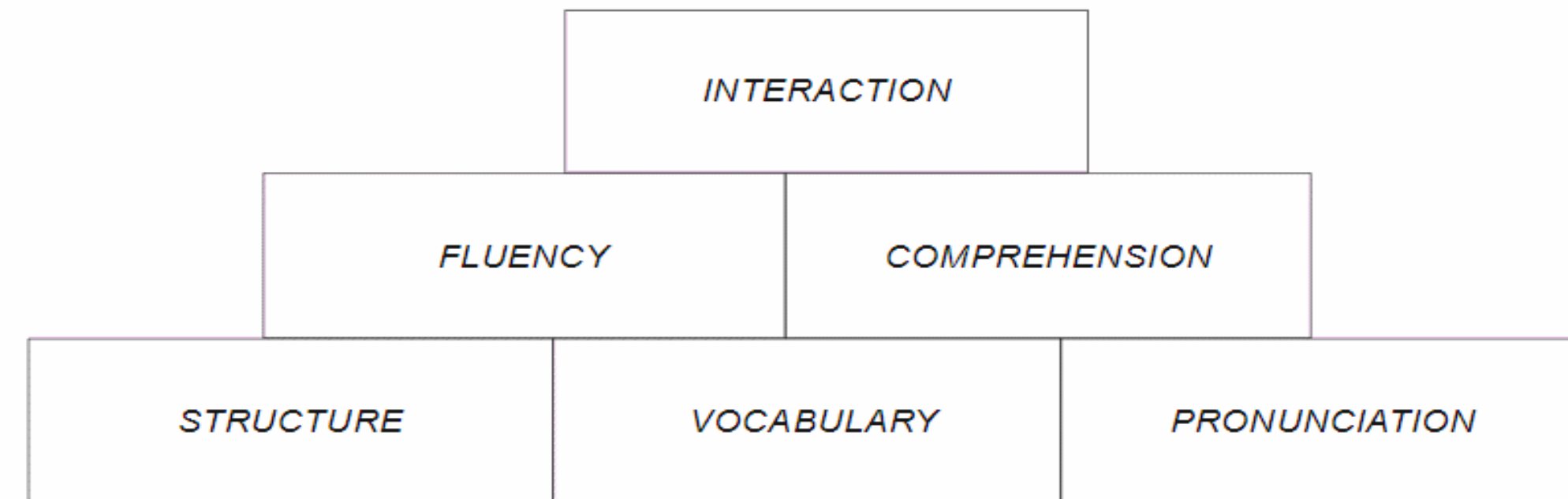
- Design
  - Instructor – student interaction
  - Radiotelephony
  - Ground school classroom instruction
- Administration
  - Remote via LMS
- Rating by aviation-familiar language instructors
- Placement of students





# English for Flight Training Curriculum

- ICAO Language Skills



ICAO Document 9835

- Course Content with Emphasis on Language Skills
  - Introductory Ground School Topics
  - Radiotelephony Practice



# Future Directions

- Changing the approach to NNES in flight training
- ERAU System
  - ✓ Assessment
  - ✓ Curriculum
  - Instructor training
  - Student follow-up
- Collaborating with Flight Schools beyond ERAU
  - English for Flight Training Assessment™
  - English for Flight Training Curriculum
- Online Solutions



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