Flight Training Handout

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Student Pilot Eligibility

- 16 years of age for rating in aircraft
- Read, speak, write, & understand English
- Obtain at least 3rd Class Medical / Student Pilot Certificate

*Valid Drivers License with Clean Driving Record
*No Drug History
Aviation Flight Physical

- Visit an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME)
- For a Class III Flight Exam (approx $90)
  - Good for 2 years if age 40+
  - Good for 5 years if under 40
- Local AMEs
  - 1 Donaldsonville (Dr. Schexnayder)
  - 1 Paincourtville (Dr. Landry)
  - 4 Baton Rouge (Drs. Hecker, Richarme, Tonore, Waddill)
Private Pilot Certification

- 17 years of age for aircraft rating
- Read, speak, write, & understand English
- Receive logbook endorsements from CFI
  - Ground School Training §FAR 61.105(b)
  - Flight Training §FAR 61.107(b)
- Pass “knowledge test” - computerized test
- Meet aeronautical experience level
  - 40 hours min (20 dual / 10 solo)
- Pass “practical test” by FAA
  - Oral Exam
  - Flight Check
Mickey’s Background Info

- Retired US Air Force military flight instructor (former A-10 Warthog combat ready fighter pilot)
- Over 8000 hours flight time (majority instruction)
- Places emphasis on:
  - Cockpit management / organization
  - Knowing “the rules” to fly safely
  - Techniques from over 35 years flight experience
    - Energy maneuvering
    - Maintaining “situational awareness”
    - Maintaining aircraft control
    - “Understanding your airplane”
“MJ” -- The Plane

- N739MJ  “MJ”
  - 1978 Cessna 172N
  - Fully instrumented for VFR and IFR
  - 100-hr maintenance inspections
- The most common trainer in world
  - Good handling qualities
  - Good performance qualities
  - Inexpensive to operate
  - “Very forgiving” airplane
Typical Weekly Lesson

- Scheduled for 2 hours ($165)
  - 1 hour aircraft rental (Hobbs) ($105)
  - 2 hours instructor time @$30 ($60)
- Devise “Lesson Plan” (i.e. training)
- Pre-flight prep (Wx, Aircraft, self)
- Flying instruction and training
- Post-flight inspection of aircraft
- Critique and logbook documentation
Cost of Stuff !! (ASI)

- Application Fee $20
- Jeppesen Flight Kit $225
- Student Headset $150
- C-172 Book $15
- Kneeboard $35
- Maps / Charts $50

• Sub Total $500
• 8.5% Tax $40
• Total $540
Flight Lesson Costs

- 40 hour (minimum required)
  - 20 Dual (min required) $3300
  - 20 Solo (10 required) $2100
  - Total $5400*

* Could be more! Your costs may vary upward, dependent on your frequency of flight training, flying proficiency, and learning skills.
Additional Fees

- Ground School Academics $400
- Aviation Flight Physical $90
- Knowledge Test (Computer) $90*
- FAA Examiner Fee (Flight) $400
- AOPA Membership (opt.) $40
- ASI Rental Agreement Fee (one time fee to rent MJ) $300
  - Total $1320

* Reg $90 Discounted $10 if AOPA member
Overall License Cost

- Flight Stuff $540
- Flight Lessons $5400*
- Additional Fees $1320
  - Grand Total $7260

* Minimum required (20 hrs dual / 20 hrs solo)
Ground School

- Guided Flight Discovery Manual
  - Fundamentals of Flight
  - Flight Operations
  - Aviation Weather
  - Performance and Navigation
  - Integrating Pilot Knowledge & Skills
- Video Presentations
- Instructor Lectures
- Quizzes and Student Discussions