



Instructor Pilot Program

About American Winds

American Winds College of Aeronautics (AWCA) offers four aviation academic programs to prepare students to achieve their goal of pursuing a career in aviation.

Why Choose American Winds?

The following are just a few things that distinguish American Winds from other flight training facilities:

- ~ Our two-year program is the fastest route to your lifelong career in aviation. Commercial airlines prefer hiring candidates with a degree which means you **may be hired sooner** than someone without a degree.
- ~ Liberty University School of Aeronautics Flight Training Affiliate. Earn a Bachelor of Science in Aviation in as little as two years. Take online general academic and aviation academic classes with Liberty, but **FLY WITH AMERICAN WINDS!**
- ~ Small class size and individualized instruction vs. competing for time and attention among 100+ students.
- ~ Training in all-season weather; you'll gain invaluable experience learning to fly in **all** conditions.
- ~ We offer quality aircraft that are maintained on-site, ATD flight training device, online academic courses and unlimited ground school.
- ~ **No training delays** - instructors and aircraft available year-round, 7 days a week.
- ~ Financing options may include: FMS Bank student loans up to **\$100,000** for those who qualify, VA benefits, Pilot Finance or AOPA Finance.

Four Reasons to Become a Flight Instructor

- 1) Get paid to fly. The most important and rewarding reason to work as a flight instructor is the opportunity to make a living as a pilot. Not everyone has a career doing something they truly love.
- 2) Gain teaching experience - it's a great way to improve knowledge and flight proficiency.
- 3) The option to move on & become an airline pilot. Some pilots become flight instructors to gain experience and flight hours required by the airlines.
- 4) Rewards of being a teacher. Most instructors find it extremely satisfying to be a part of a student's growth and skill development.



Job Outlook: Certificated Flight Instructors

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which classifies flight instructors with pilots and flight engineers, the job opportunities are expected to **increase 7% - 13%** over the next few years.

With the current pilot shortage, flight instructors are being hired by airlines faster than they can be replaced, which means that there is a need for qualified flight instructors.

Salary Potential

Hourly Rate	FBO	Independent	Academy
< \$15 / hour	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%
\$15 - \$20 / hour	21.0%	6.6%	12.5%
\$21 - \$30 / hour	42.1%	22.2%	66.6%
\$31 - \$40 / hour	31.5%	15.5%	4.1%
\$41 - \$50 / hour	0.0%	20.0%	4.1%
\$51 - \$60 / hour	0.0%	13.3%	0.0%
\$61 - \$75 / hour	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%
\$76 - \$100 / hour	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%
> \$100 / hour	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Salaried	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%

Source: 2016 FSANA Flight Instructor Compensation Survey

Instructor Pilot Program Overview

The Instructor Pilot Program adds two instructor privileges to a Commercial Pilot Certificate Category and Class. Learn how to conduct ground instruction in a classroom environment or a one-on-one basis. You'll also be able to develop and apply teaching principles to conduct flight training, determine student proficiency, motivate students to complete certificates and ratings, and report on student progress.

Depending on elective substitutions, opportunities are available to conduct flight instruction in a single engine or multi engine airplane or conduct flight instrument instruction.

This program prepares students with the necessary skills and academic knowledge to further their aviation career and build hours toward becoming a professional pilot.



Restricted Airline Transport Pilot Program (R-ATP)

AWCA has an FAA-approved Reduced Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) Program for aviation degrees. Pilots can be hired at the commercial airlines with an Associate Degree at 1,250 hours total time and Bachelor's Degree at 1,000 hours instead of 1,500 hours with no college degree.

Credentials Awarded

FAA Commercial Certificate
(Single and Multi Engine with Instrument Rating)

Selection of Two:
Certificated Flight Instructor Certificate (CFI)
Certificated Flight Instrument Instructor Certificate (CFII)
Certificated Multi Engine Instructor Certificate (MEI)*

** Current Multi Engine Rating is required before enrollment.*



Accreditation

Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
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