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Helicopter Career Pilot Training Program

Our Helicopter Career Pilot Training Program assumes that you have no prior aviation knowledge and flight experience and is designed to train you to become a safety conscious, confident, and professional helicopter pilot. Upon graduation we will offer you the opportunity to join our staff as a Flight Instructor enabling you to be paid for your flying services while gaining additional flight experience needed to be able to move on to more challenging helicopter piloting career opportunities.

Our Career Pilot Training Program consists of five components. During each component you train towards and earn a specific FAA pilot certificate or rating. The training in each component will consist of a combination of flight training with your instructor (dual), flight practice without an instructor (solo), and ground instruction to acquire the required helicopter piloting skills and aviation knowledge. All training is conducted one-on-one accommodating your schedule and your desired pace. For all your flight training you will use a 2008 Robinson R44 – the most popular helicopter world-wide and the safest, most effective trainer on the market today.

The amount of training required varies from component to component and from individual to individual. The following table details the amount of time and money needed by the majority of pilots to obtain each of the five certificates and ratings as part of a Career Pilot Curriculum. These numbers are based on actual averages which are about 20% higher than the FAA-prescribed minimums.

Training Components	Average Time Needed [hours]				Duration [months]	Cost of Training		
	Flight Training			Ground Instruct.		Helicopter Rental	Instructor Fees	Total Cost
	Dual	Solo	Total					
1 Private Pilot Certificate	40	20	60	25	3	\$21,000	\$2,475	\$23,475
2 Instrument Rating	50		50	20	3	\$17,500	\$2,700	\$20,200
3 Commercial Pilot Certificate	20	20	40	10	2	\$14,000	\$1,150	\$15,150
4 Flight Instructor Certificate	25		25	15	1	\$8,750	\$1,525	\$10,275
5 Instrument Instructor Rating	25		25	5	1	\$8,750	\$1,175	\$9,925
	160	40	200	75	10	\$70,000	\$9,025	\$79,025

The above cost estimates for the helicopter rentals are based on our 200-hour block rate of \$350.00 per hour. You can also purchase 150-hour block times at \$380 per hour, 100-hour block times at \$395 per hour, 50-hour block times at \$410 per hour or pay-as-you go at our regular rate of \$425 per hour. The charge for ground instruction is \$35 per hour and for flight instruction \$40 per hour.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact us.