

FLIGHT TRAINING EXPECTATIONS



Welcome to the Wild Blue Yonder!

This document is designed to provide an understanding of the flight training process and help you prepare for an efficient training experience and a successful pilot career.

It is our objective to help you meet all of your long term aviation goals and having a clear understanding of the process will help get you there.

LESSON STRUCTURE

Your training will consist of a combination of ground lessons, flight lessons, online ground school and home study (you read the actual books). This multifaceted approach helps to ensure that you have the best understanding possible of all subject matter.

A typical ground lesson will be 1 to 2 hours and cover a review of materials that you have studied beforehand with your instructor verifying your understanding of the subject matter and helping to clarify your understanding.

A typical flight lesson will have 1 to 1 ½ hours of flight time and ½ to 1 hour of ground time briefing and debriefing that day's lesson and planning for the next training session.

Each hour of flight that you log you should plan to spend 3 hours reading as well as completing online ground school modules. The more prepared you are the more effective your training process will be, if you slack off on the free studying time on your own it takes more training time that ends up costing more money. As with many things you can keep the costs down with more study, realizing that you will not necessarily have less ground instruction because of it – you just won't require significant amounts of additional ground instruction.

We require that you familiarize yourself with the appropriate Airman Certification Standards for the certificate or rating you are working on. These can be found on the FAA website and give the minimum acceptable standards for every area of training you will be tested on. Having a clear understanding of these will let you best understand your own progress through your training.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED TRAINING COSTS

For each certificate or rating there are additional costs that you will need to account for so that you aren't surprised or confused when they come up. Some will be recurring throughout your training, those are marked. Those costs are listed here.

- **Online Ground School \$399.99** – *recurring for each certificate or rating*
- **Foreflight Subscription \$99.99* per year**
- **I-pad with Cellular Chip** (*variable based on how you obtain, latest model always recommended*)
- **Aircraft Renters Insurance - \$800 per year**
- **FAA Knowledge Testing fee - \$160.00** – *recurring for each certificate or rating*
- **FAA Practical Test fee - \$1000 - \$2000 depending on test and examiner.** – *recurring for each certificate or rating*

You will more than likely have more costs associated with your flying career, as you will eventually want to purchase your own headset, flight bag, and additional gear. We recommend BOSE headsets, they are the best on the market and worthwhile investment in protecting your long-term hearing.

*Foreflight subscriptions start at \$99/yr