

Missionary Pilot Training Cost Estimate

Part 141 (Air Agency Certificate #MNTS453L)

Effective August 28, 2026

(Prices subject to change without notice)

	Hours	Missionary Student		Non-Missionary Student	
		Rate/Hr	Cost	Rate/Hr	Cost
PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE - ASEL:					
FAA minimum requirement is 35 hours of ground training and 35 hours of flight training, 20 dual and 5 solo. Individual training times vary greatly, depending upon a number of factors, and the FAA website says most people require 60 to 75 hours of training. These figures are for 50 hours, 40 dual and 10 solo.					
Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 172	50	\$150	\$7,500	\$220	\$11,000
Flight instructor fees	40	\$45	\$1,800	\$75	\$3,000
Ground instruction	35	\$45	\$1,575	\$75	\$2,625
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
PRIVATE COURSE COST EST.			\$11,225		\$16,975

INSTRUMENT - AIRPLANE RATING (*Assumes a pilot meets ACS standards in all Private Pilot tasks/maneuvers*) :

FAA requires a minimum of 30 hours of ground instruction and 35 hours of instrument flight instruction. These figures are for 17 hours in our Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) and 30 hours in a Cessna 172 to meet the instrument instruction requirements.

Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 172	30	\$150	\$4,500	\$220	\$6,600
AATD	17	\$50	\$850	\$75	\$1,275
Flight instructor fees	47	\$45	\$2,115	\$75	\$3,525
Ground instruction	30	\$45	\$1,350	\$75	\$2,250
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
INSTRUMENT COURSE COST EST.			\$9,165		\$14,000

COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE - ASEL:

FAA requires at least 35 hours of ground training and 120 hours of flight training, including 55 hours of dual instruction, with at least 10 in a complex airplane or Technically Advanced Airplane, and 10 hours solo. These figures are for 68 hours dual, with 19 in a Technically Advanced Airplane and 15 hours in an Advanced Aviation Training Device, and 52 hours solo, including 8 hours in the Technically Advanced Airplane.

Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 172	78	\$150	\$11,700	\$220	\$17,160
Cessna 177 (TAA)	27	\$150	\$4,050	\$220	\$5,940
AATD	15	\$50	\$750	\$75	\$1,125
Flight instructor fees	68	\$45	\$3,060	\$75	\$5,100
Ground instruction	35	\$45	\$1,575	\$75	\$2,625
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
COMMERCIAL COURSE COST EST.			\$21,485		\$32,300

TOTAL MATA PROGRAM COST ESTIMATE (Private, Inst., Comm.)

\$41,875

\$63,275

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Extra Personal Fees:

Each pilot certificate requires books & charts as well as the following FAA testing after completion of that course:

FAA written knowledge test

~ \$175

~ \$175

FAA oral and practical exam (Checkride)

~ \$1000

~ \$1000

OTHER TRAINING AVAILABLE

Hours	Missionary Student		Non-Missionary Student	
	Rate/Hr	Cost	Rate/Hr	Cost

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR - ASE:

FAA requires a minimum of 40 hours of ground training and 25 hours of flight training. Although a complex aircraft or Technically Advanced Airplane is no longer required for the practical test, MATA still does some training in a Technically Advanced Airplane.

Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 172	25	\$150	\$3,750	\$220	\$5,500
Flight instructor fees	25	\$45	\$1,125	\$75	\$1,875
Ground instruction	40	\$45	\$1,800	\$75	\$3,000
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR COURSE COST EST.			\$7,025		\$10,725

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT - AIRPLANE:

FAA requires a minimum of 15 hours of ground training and 15 hours of flight training. These figures are for the minimum required times, plus 2 hours in the AATD to perform certain approaches because there are no airports with these approaches within practical range to perform in the airplane.

Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 172	15	\$150	\$2,250	\$220	\$3,300
AATD	2	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
Flight instructor fees	17	\$45	\$765	\$75	\$1,275
Ground instruction	15	\$45	\$675	\$75	\$1,125
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT COURSE COST EST.			\$4,140		\$6,200

TAILWHEEL TRANSITION:

The Tailwheel Transition Course is proficiency based, so the endorsement will be granted when our authorized instructor determines the pilot is competent in operating a tailwheel aircraft. These figures are based on our curriculum which is written for the estimated times it should take a student to earn the endorsement.

Course fee			\$200		\$200
Cessna 180	10	\$200	\$2,000	\$300	\$3,000
Flight instructor fees	10	\$45	\$450	\$75	\$750
Ground instruction	8	\$45	\$360	\$75	\$600
Study materials (typical)			\$150		\$150
TAILWHEEL TRANSITION COURSE COST EST.			\$3,160		\$4,700