

Aviation Professional Pilot Program

Flight Training Fees

Embarking on your journey to become a pilot is an exciting and rewarding endeavor—and we're here to support you every step of the way. As you begin your flight training, it's important to understand how training costs are structured and what steps are required before you take to the skies.

Flight training fees are separate from standard university tuition and fees. These costs are divided into **course fees** and **lab fees** and are specific to enrollment in the Aviation Professional Pilot Program. All courses will be conducted under FAA Part 141.

Before you can begin any flight activities, all course and lab fees must be confirmed as paid or pending on your Student Account.

This may require you to work with other departments, including Financial Aid and the Veterans Center.

CWU provides financial aid through the FAFSA, private lenders, as well as benefits under VA Education Benefits to help cover flight training costs. See your MyCWU To-Do list for more information.

The full process, including how to apply for financial aid or other benefits toward these fees, is explained in detail at cwu.edu/financial-aid.

We're committed to making this process as smooth as possible and are here to support you along the way.

COURSE FEES AND LAB FEES DEFINED

Course fee: A non-refundable charge that supports program overhead, including Ground instruction, facilities, insurance, staffing, and essential services necessary for safe and effective flight operations. Course fees are non-refundable.

Lab fee: Covers flight and simulator lessons based on the quoted number of hours listed in the tables below.

Refund policy after lab completion:

At the end of each flight lab series/rating, any unused lab fees after the completion of a FAA Practical Test (Checkride) may be refunded to the student's CWU Student Account.*

Refund policy after lab/program withdrawal or discontinuation:

If a student withdraws or is discontinued from a flight lab, unused lab fees may be refunded back to the student's CWU Student Account.*

**The recipient/destination of the refund is dependent on the terms and conditions of the student's financial assistance funding source.*

LAB FEE HOURLY RATES

	Resource Type	Hourly Rate
Dual Lesson	Single Engine	\$116.41
	Complex	\$146.93
	Multiengine	\$257.47
	Simulator	\$1.88
	Ground Instruction	Included in course fee
Solo Lesson	Single Engine	\$116.71
	Multiengine*	\$257.47
	Simulator	\$1.88

Single Engine: Piper Archer, Piper Warrior and Cessna 172
 Complex: Piper Arrow
 Multiengine: Piper Seminole
 Multiengine*: Checkride only

LAB FEE HOURS PER COURSE

Course	Dual	Solo	Simulator	Complex	Ground
AVP 101	18.0	0.5	3.0		20.0
AVP 102	19.0	4.5	1.0		20.0
AVP 103	12.0	10.0	2.0		12.0
AVP 201	16.5		6.0		20.5
AVP 202	18.5		6.0		20.0
AVP 203	12.0	2.0	3.0		10.5
AVP 304	15.0	13.5	1.5	3.0	24.0
AVP 305	15.5	10.0			19.5
AVP 306	13.5	22.0	1.5		15.0
AVP 401*	15.0	2.0			13.0
AVP 402	24.0	2.0	1.0		52.5

Lab Fee Hour Estimates:

- Private Pilot lab hours are based on the average number of hours students typically require to complete the lab.
- Lab hours for the Instrument, Commercial, Multi-engine, and CFI labs are based on the syllabus minimums required for lab completion.

**AVP 401 Dual and Solo lessons will be conducted in the "Multi-engine" Aircraft.*

COURSE AND LAB FEES

Course	Course Name	Course Fee	Lab Fee	Total
AVP 101	Private Pilot Flight Stage I	\$11,128	\$2,620	\$13,747
AVP 102	Private Pilot Flight Stage II	\$5,564	\$2,745	\$8,308
AVP 103	Private Pilot Flight Stage III	\$5,564	\$2,571	\$8,135
AVP 104	Program Transition (Transfer only)	\$1,315	\$1,170	\$2,485
AVP 201	Instrument Flight Laboratory Stage I	\$11,128	\$2,187	\$13,315
AVP 202	Instrument Flight Laboratory Stage II	\$5,564	\$2,170	\$7,734
AVP 203	Instrument Flight Laboratory Stage III	\$5,564	\$1,640	\$7,203
AVP 304	Commercial Pilot Flight Stage IV	\$11,128	\$3,770	\$14,898
AVP 305	Commercial Pilot Flight Stage V	\$5,564	\$2,976	\$8,540
AVP 306	Commercial Pilot Flight Stage VI	\$5,564	\$4,146	\$9,710
AVP 401	Multiengine Flight Laboratory	\$7,418	\$4,377	\$11,795
AVP 402	Certified Flight Instructor Laboratory	\$7,418	\$3,036	\$10,455
AVP 475G	FAA Check Ride Preparation (Optional)	\$1,795	\$1,755	\$3,550
AVP 489	Turbo FTD, CJR-200		\$3,000	\$3,000

Financial Holds and Overages

Step-by-Step Process

1. MONITOR YOUR LAB FEE BALANCE

- Regularly check your balance in **Flight Schedule Pro**.
- It is your responsibility to track your available funds to avoid interruptions in your training.

2. WATCH FOR LOW BALANCE WARNING

- A **warning will appear in your Flight Schedule Pro account** when your remaining balance reaches \$700 or less.
- This is your early alert to plan ahead and deposit additional funds before you are restricted from scheduling.
- As a reminder, federal and veteran aid cannot be used to pay for overages.

3. CEASE FLIGHT OPERATIONS WHEN FUNDS ARE DEPLETED

- Once your lab fee funds are fully used, a financial hold will be placed on your flight account.
- You will not be permitted to schedule or dispatch any:
 - Flights
 - Simulators
 - Ground instruction
- You must deposit additional funds before resuming any training activity.

4. DEPOSIT ADDITIONAL FUNDS

- Meet with your flight instructor to determine an estimate of funds needed to complete your lab.
- Email Aviation@cwu.edu and copy your flight instructor to request the estimate to be placed on your CWU Student Account.
- Pay these funds in your MyCWU Student Account, and email to release your hold.
- For estimates, refer to the posted **overage resource hourly rates** (see table).
- Funds must be deposited **before** any further training is allowed.

5. RESUME TRAINING

- Once the agreed upon amount has been paid, you can be scheduled and dispatched for flights, simulators, and ground instruction.
- You may then continue training without further delay.

NOTE:

- Any **unused overage funds** will be refunded to the student's **CWU Student Account** upon completion or withdrawal from the associated course.
- Alternatively, students may request **unused overage funds to be carried forward** in the flight school scheduling software and applied toward future flight training.
- **Overage charges are not covered under FAFSA or VA Education Benefits** and must be paid separately.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are responsible for paying separately for:

- FAA Medical Certificates
- FAA Written Exams
- FAA Practical Tests (Checkrides)

Each flight course includes **2 hours** of aircraft rental time for the checkride.

Payment to the Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) is made **directly by the student**. Financial Aid may be available to cover costs.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR STUDENTS TO PURCHASE

- Dual-plug aviation headset
- iPad (instrument training only, ipad mini recommended)
- ForeFlight subscription (instrument training only)

OVERAGE RESOURCE HOURLY RATES

	Resource Type	Hourly Rate
Dual Lesson	Single Engine	\$196
	Complex	\$234
	Multiengine	\$371
	Simulator	\$150
	Ground Instruction	\$50
Solo Lesson	Single Engine	\$146
	Multiengine*	\$321
	Simulator	\$100

Single Engine: Piper Archer, Piper Warrior and Cessna 172
 Complex: Piper Arrow
 Multiengine: Piper Seminole
 Multiengine*: Checkride only

Fees are applicable for the 2025-2026 academic year. Fees may change annually.

Thank you for choosing CWU Aviation!

We are excited to support you throughout your flight training journey. If you have any questions, contact us today.



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