

# AERONAUTICS (FLIGHT) SCHOOLS

Schools of aeronautics teach courses of study related to aviation. Due to licensing procedures and policies, schools offering programs related to aviation fall into two categories, as follows:

1. Degree-granting colleges and universities that offer Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved flight training (ground and flight schools) and/or related mechanical programs are licensed in the college section of this book.
2. Private or vocational schools offering FAA approved flight training (ground and flight schools) are licensed by the Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics, which is located at 2700 Port Lansing Rd, Lansing, Michigan 48906, 517.335.9719.

Flight Schools are either certified under Part 61 or Part 141, of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). Each offer the same basic training and require the same FAA exams. The major difference is the training environment.

Training under Part 141 tends to be more structured and fewer flight hours are required. Under Part 141, a pilot certificate can be obtained in as little as 35 hours of flight time.

Under part 61, the minimum flight time requirement is 40 hours. This may be a moot point since the national average shows that it takes 60-75 hours of flight training to obtain the rating. For a Commercial Pilot Certificate, a Part 141 school only requires 190 hours of flight time rather than 250 hours under Part 61.

<u>Certificate or Rating</u>	<u>Minimum Flight Time Require</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Private Pilot	40 hours	\$5,000 to \$8,000
Commercial Pilot	250 hours	\$4,000 + (dependent on hours needed)
Instrument Rating	125 hours (including 40 hours instrument time)	\$5,000 to \$8,000
Flight Instructor	No minimum specified	\$3,500
Multi Engine Rating	No minimum specified	\$1,500
Helicopter Rating	40 hours	\$12,000

**For more information and to see a list of licensed flight schools, visit [www.michigan.gov/aero](http://www.michigan.gov/aero).**

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