

# AIRCRAFT PILOT TRAINING

## Frequently Asked Questions TSTC in Waco

### **How many flight hours will I complete?**

The average student will complete approximately 272 hours of flight time progressing through Private Pilot, Instrument, and Commercial to Flight Instructor.

### **Does TSTC have a partnership with any of the major Airlines?**

Currently TSTC does not have any official agreements with the major airlines for pilot placement. This has not detracted from our students obtaining employment in the industry. Numerous airlines routinely come to the school in order to recruit, pilots, mechanics and avionics personnel for employment upon graduation.

### **How much will it cost for me to complete this program?**

The program consists of 5 semesters and 60 semester credit hours, it generally takes the average student 6 semesters to complete depending on their progress. Program costs for in-state tuition are about \$2600.00 a semester and flight costs for the program are about \$59,000.00, which totals \$72,000.00.

### **Will financial aid cover my flight costs?**

Federal student aid will not cover the costs of flight training, but only those costs associated with tuition and housing. Many students utilize outside financing to cover the flight costs through the Texas College Access Loan [www.hhloans.com](http://www.hhloans.com) or the Sallie Mae student loan program [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com).

### **Can I pay for my flight hours with VA benefits?**

Currently the VA will fund the entire program under the Post 911 GI Bill and in some instances Vocational Rehab. Students are able to use a family member's benefit in some situations.

### **I already have my Private Ground's License, how soon will I graduate?**

A student who arrives with Private pilot's license will be given credit for that and can actually advance in the program much faster, sometimes 2 semesters. We do not recommended proceeding past private to instrument prior to coming to the school. This is due to school policy that three flight courses are required to be completed with the college in order to obtain a degree.

### **What is the difference between a Class I, II and III physical?**

Flight physicals are classified based on the number of passengers a pilot may be expected to fly. Class I is the strictest, and Class III or Basic Med is the least strict. We will not allow a student into the program without at least a Class II, because if an individual is unable to attain a Class II physical they cannot exercise commercial privileges and as a pilot therefore, cannot be paid. In this situation, they would not be able to work as a commercial pilot and the program would not be beneficial for further employment.

### **How do I set up the mandatory flight account?**

Flight accounts are set up through Student Accounting and are separate from tuition. It is required that a student starting the program have \$11,800.00 on their account to start the program and deposit funds as necessary to continue the program.

### **Am I guaranteed a job once I complete this program?**

With the current pandemic in the country, the airline industry has been severely depressed; this soon will change. A student entering the program in 2021 would be expected to graduate in 2023, at which time by industry predictions the job market should be wide open. TSTC routinely hires our new instructors from our graduates to enable them to gain the experience and hours to progress to the airlines. This normally takes about 18 months after graduation depending on student load.

### **Are there additional requirements in order to be accepted into the Pilot Training program?**

Yes, the application checklist to submit a packet for consideration can be found on the program webpage. All items on the checklist that are applicable must be completed prior to submission. Packets should be submitted 90 days before the start of term.