

## Let your Dreams Take Flight!

**T**ake off on one of the greatest adventures of a lifetime – learn to fly. You'll extend your horizons, find new challenges, and travel farther, higher and faster than you ever have!

As a private pilot, your airplane can take you anywhere you please. Fly friends to the beach. Fly your kids to the mountains. Fly your spouse to a different city every weekend for dinner. Now that's freedom.

### It's So Simple

**L**earning to fly is easier than you might think. Ground and flight lessons cover flight rules and regulations, flight planning, navigation, radio procedures, weather, and flight maneuvers. About 55 hours of flight training is typical for a private certificate. You then must pass the FAA written exam and flying exam.



### What About the Cost?

**F**irst off, you don't have to buy an airplane to fly. Many pilots learn and fly for pleasure without ever doing so. You can rent airplanes from an FBO (Fixed Base Operator) at practically any airport, buy into a partnership, or join a flying club. Costs to obtain a pilot's license vary, depending on where you train and how much time you can devote to it. You can expect to spend anywhere from about \$5500 - \$8000 to earn a private certificate. Hourly costs tend to be lower with non-profit flying clubs and partnerships.

### Getting Off the Ground

**L**ike the Chinese philosopher said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step", and your first step is to get into an airplane and experience piloting for yourself. A great way to do this is with an introductory flight. Many flight schools or FBOs offer packaged intro flights where you are introduced to piloting and have the chance to take the controls yourself for part of the flight.

If this is something that you might be interested in, please email or call me using the contact information below. As an active FAA Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) in the Cincinnati area, I can help you get started, answer any questions you may have, or just talk with you about flying and what it has to offer.

See you in the skies!

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