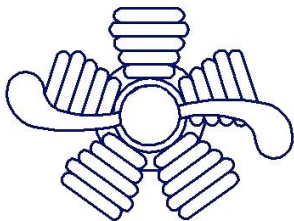


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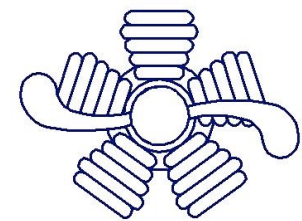
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Thornapple Flying is a private, locally owned company whose purpose is to provide aircraft rental and flight instruction. Our flight school is licensed by the State of Michigan. We currently offer the following certificates for single engine land aircraft.

Private Pilot

A private pilot can fly into any one of the nation's thousands of airports. Commercial airlines operate out of a small percentage of this number. This offers the private pilot access to locations not available to non-pilots. A flight from Hastings to Mackinac Island, for instance, takes less than two hours in a Piper Warrior.

To obtain a private pilot license, there are several minimum requirements that must be met.

-Knowledge: A certain amount of studying will be required. This can be done on your own (with some direction from your flight instructor) or you can attend a formal ground school (at an additional expense). You will gain knowledge on rules and regulations, weather, aircraft performance, and navigation. You will also need to pass a written test on this material.

-Medical: You will be required to pass a third class FAA medical examination. This can only be done by an FAA approved physician. We have one in Hastings that has worked closely with us, however, you are free to choose any FAA certified physician.

-Flight Experience: You will have to accumulate at least 40 total hours including at least 20 instruction, including 3 night, 3 cross country, 3 instrument, 10 solo, 5 solo cross country, and at least one 150 mile trip

These are absolute minimums. Actual time will be higher, the exact amount depending on your ability and effort.

Expense: The current cost for a private certificate is about \$6,000. The current rental cost is \$110 per hour. Instruction is \$35 per hour. The above stated minimum times would amount to \$110x40 or \$4,400 in plane rental and \$35x20 or \$700 in instruction fees. In addition, the medical exam, flight exams, books, and flight equipment will add at least a few hundred dollars more.

Time: This is dependent on the schedule and financial status of the student. The ideal schedule would be two hours per week. This can be cost prohibitive for some, and impossible for others to find the time. Anything from one hour every other week to three hours per week will work. The weather will occasionally cancel a lesson. Nine months is a typical time for completion, however, we have had students finish in as few as three months, or more than a year.

Instrument Rating

There are weather minimums relating to visibility and clearance from clouds that a private pilot must observe. If the pilot is instrument rated, he may obtain a clearance to fly in the clouds with zero visibility. This can make the privilege of flying more practical. The instrument rating requires additional time and instruction and an additional written and flight test. A total of 40 hours of instrument time and a total of 125 total flight hours are required.

Commercial Pilot

To be compensated as a pilot you will need to have a commercial certificate. This would be required to fly as a corporate pilot, for a charter operation, or as a flight instructor. If you are flying yourself somewhere on business and the flight is incidental to that business, you do not need the

commercial certificate. The commercial certificate does not allow you to operate a charter service. A commercial pilot needs a minimum of 250 total hours with several other specific flight requirements. There will also be another written and flight test. You will also need a 2nd class medical, instead of the 3rd class required for the private pilot.

CFI & CFII

To be certified by the FAA to teach others to fly, you will be required to pass two additional written tests and another flight test. If you want to be able to teach instrument flying, another written and flight test is required. There are no specific minimum hours after obtaining the commercial and instrument rating.

Ground School

The knowledge required for any rating can be learned at home on your own time. If you prefer to attend an organized school, there are several to choose from. We would be happy to discuss these options with you.

Reservations

The aircraft and instructor can be scheduled by calling a local telephone number, or online. The schedule is on a first come, first served basis.

Aircraft

Thornapple Flying currently is utilizing a 1974 Piper Warrior for training. The only drawback usually associated with this aircraft when used as a trainer is that it is too mild in its stall characteristics, i.e. it is too easy to fly. It is maintained in excellent condition. You will not likely find a better maintained or equipped aircraft used for rental and training.