

Learn To Fly in Tupelo MS

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In Tupelo we train private pilots, sport pilots, and advanced ratings using local resources. We have several locally based Certified Flight Instructors and access to rental aircraft. We operate under FAA part 61 rules which allows for flexibility in pace of your training and gives you more control over schedules. We can point you to the resources you need to meet your flight training goals.

Private Pilot Training

Getting your private pilot certificate will require:

- Selecting a plane to rent for your instruction
- Choosing an Instructor
- Flight Training with a Certified Flight Instructor – you can start flying right away but will need your student certificate (medical and knowledge exam) before your first solo.
- Passing a knowledge exam (before your first solo)
- Obtaining a 3rd Class Medical Certificate
- Passing a Practical Exam (check ride)

The FAA has good resources that explain the process at https://www.faa.gov/pilots/become/student_cert/

Rental Planes

- Shaffer Aviation (618-319-3420)
 - Rents a Cessna 172/180 with modern avionics.
 - Costs: \$150 hr (fuel included) or \$1350 for a block of 10 hrs
 - Download the webapp and fill out a rental agreement (www.bit.ly/n4908g)

Flight Instructors (most charge \$50/hr)

- Charlie Miller, (662) 791-1193, flyinguptheretupelo@gmail.com
- Jon Parker, 662-296-2677, lowpass36@gmail.com
- Christopher Cross, (770) 876-8147, christopher.cross7@gmail.com

Recommended/required equipment:

- Aviation headset (required)- (<https://www.sportys.com/aviation-headsets.html>) make sure to order one with dual plug for airplane.

- iPad with ForeFlight app installed(recommended)- must have cellular capability in order to display your location on a map but not required to have an active data plan
- ForeFlight subscription for iPad (gives you access to required maps etc)
- E6b flight computer(manual or electronic), plotter and a paper VFR “Memphis” sectional chart(required)- <https://www.sportys.com>

Knowledge Test (ground school)

To pass the knowledge exam you must show that you have prepared for the exam and get an endorsement from a flight instructor. Most people do a combination of self-study by reading FAA provided materials along with using an online test preparation course. Here are some helpful links to materials

FAA Handbooks

[\(https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/\)](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/)

- [Aeronautical Information Manual](#)
- [Airplane Flying Handbook](#)
- [Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge](#)

On-line courses

- [Gleim Aviation \(https://www.gleim.com\)](https://www.gleim.com)
- [Sporty's \(https://www.sportys.com/training.html\)](https://www.sportys.com/training.html)
- [King Schools \(https://www.kingschools.com/\)](https://www.kingschools.com/)

Medical

- Obtain an FAA class 3 medical before solo flight. Create username etc at this web address, upon the completion, print and take with you to an FAA medical examiner(Grenada, West Point, Olive Branch etc)

<https://medxpress.faa.gov/medxpress/>

Flight Training (with your certified flight instructor)

Before your check-ride you will need to complete the following:

Dual: 20 hours minimum of flight training with an instructor on the Private Pilot areas of operation including:

- 3 hours of cross country flight training in a single engine airplane;
- 3 hours of night flight training in a single engine airplane, that includes at least:
 - a) 1 cross country flight of over 100 nm total distance; and

- b) 10 T/O's and 10 landings to a full stop with each involving a flight in the traffic pattern at an airport.
- 3 hours of flight training by reference to instruments in a single engine airplane; and
- 3 hours of flight training in a single engine airplane within the 60 days prior to the practical test.

Solo: 10 hours minimum of solo flying in a single engine airplane on the Private Pilot areas of operation including:

- 5 hours of solo cross country flying;
- 1 solo cross country flight of at least 150nm total distance with full stop landings at 3 points and one segment of at least 50nm between T/O and landings; and
- 3 T/O's and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower.

Practical Exam (check ride)

After you have completed your flight training with your instructor you will need to pass a practical exam with a FAA examiner. The practical exam will include an oral exam and a flying skills review.

- Private pilot oral exam guide(required) <https://www.sportys.com/private-oral-exam-guide.html>
- ACS – what you will be tested on during your checkride. (Airmen Certification Standards) can download from the FAA website https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acs/media/private_airplane_acs_change_1.pdf