



A-B Tech Aviation Career Pilot Technology 2026 Flight Fees



Private Pilot AER-151

The FAA private pilot certificate (license) is a pre-admission requirement for enrollment into the Career Pilot Technology degree pathway.

Students who do not possess the private pilot certificate can enroll in the Aviation Management degree pathway initially. Once the private pilot certificate is obtained, students can enroll in the Career Pilot pathway and progress to their instrument rating (AER 161) and commercial pilot certificate (AER 171) flight training.

Students seeking to obtain the private pilot certificate are encouraged to take advantage of FAA-certified, Part 141 flight training at WNC Aviation, LLC (WNCA). For private pilot flight training fees at WNCA, visit the school's website at [Be Your Own Captain](#).

Instrument Pilot AER-161

Hours	Rate		Cost
42	\$264	Dual Instruction in C172/PA-28	\$11,088.00
30	\$65	Oral Ground Instruction	\$1,950.00
10.5	\$65	Pre/Post flight Briefing	\$682.50
		Total	\$13,720.50

Commercial Pilot Single Engine AER-171

Hours	Rate		Cost
55	\$264	Dual Instruction in C172/PA-28	\$14,520.00
65	\$199	Solo C172/PA-28	\$12,935.00
35	\$65	Oral Ground Instruction	\$2,275.00
30	\$65	Pre/Post flight Briefing	\$1,950.00
		Total	\$31,680.00

Total NCSAA Approved Costs*	\$44,400.50
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*This total estimate was produced under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and at the direction of the North Carolina State Approving Agency (NCSAA). This estimate reflects FAA flight minimums. Many flight students will require training beyond these minimum hours. For veterans using VA funds for flight training, any training required in excess of the hours listed above is not approved by the VA or the NCSAA and will be the financial responsibility of the student.