



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
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Aviation Sciences Program

PROFESSIONAL PILOT FLIGHT TRAINING CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help you meet all requirements and arrive at UMES prepared to begin flight training.

COSTS

Graduates of the Professional Pilot Program will be FAA-Certified Commercial Pilots and Certified Flight Instructors. The flight training to achieve these certifications costs approximately \$60,000 over 4 years, in addition to tuition and fees. With elective flight training courses, the total cost may be as much as \$75,000. In most cases, these costs are eligible for financial aid and/or GI Bill benefits, so complete the FAFSA, apply for scholarships, and review your GI Bill Benefits (if applicable).

TO DO:

- Review the Flight Training costs

PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDITS

Completion of Private Pilot Ground School and the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Exam (PAR) are required to enter flight training. If you have previously completed the PAR, please provide a copy to aviation@umes.edu. If you possess any other pilot certificates, please provide copies so they can be evaluated for transfer. If you don't have any prior experience, don't worry. Our program is designed for you to take Private Pilot Ground school and the Knowledge exam in your first Fall semester at UMES.

TO DO:

- Provide copies of Pilot Certificates or Knowledge Exams, if applicable.

CLEARANCE FOR FLIGHT TRAINING

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has special requirements for non-US Citizens. If you are a US Citizen, you need to come to UMES prepared with a Birth Certificate or US Passport. Non-US Citizens will have to apply to the TSA for approval to flight train - this process may take 6-8 weeks and costs approximately \$250.

TO DO (US-Citizens):

- Bring a copy of a US-Birth certificate or a Passport with you to UMES

TO DO (non-Citizen):

- Apply to the TSA for approval to train; Email aviation@umes.edu for instructions

MEDICAL

A Medical Certificate is required to flight train. The FAA Medical can only be issued by an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). The medical will cost \$100 - \$150, but you will only need to do it once during your flight training if you are under the age of 40.

TO DO:

- Find an AME near you that does First Class exams and schedule an appointment : www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/
- Complete the medical application for a First Class Medical : medxpress.faa.gov
- Take the confirmation number from your completed MedXPress application with you to the appointment
- Bring your Medical with you to UMES

STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATE

You need a Student Pilot Certificate to begin flight training. Getting a certificate is easy and it is free:

TO DO:

- Create an account at iacra.faa.gov, being careful to input all your information accurately
- Complete a pilot application for a student pilot certificate
- When you have completed the application, write down your FTN and save your login information.

For more information please contact: aviation@umes.edu or visit our [Website](#).