

HIGH SCHOOL



Virginia Pilot Pathways Program

Denbigh Aviation Academy

Virginia Department of Aviation scholarships

Women Can Fly

Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles

Civil Air Patrol Cadets

STEM Flights

NEXTGEN Aviators

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook, about 16,800 pilots will be needed each year over the next decade. Now's the time to consider a career in aviation in Virginia!

COMMERCIAL PILOT



1. Obtain Private Pilot License

- * Classroom instruction and in-flight training
- * Between 45 and 70 hours
- * Cost: ~\$14,000

2. Obtain Instrument Rating

- * Classroom instruction and in-flight training
- * Between 35 and 45 hours
- * Cost: ~\$14,000

3. Obtain Commercial Pilot Rating

- * Classroom instruction and in-flight training
- * 120 hours
- * Cost: ~\$25,000

4. Become Certified Flight Instructor

- * Classroom instruction and in-flight training
- * 25 hours
- * Cost: ~\$10,000

5. Qualify as Commercial First Officer

- * Work as certified flight instructor
- * 1240 hours

6. Regional Captain

- * Work as first officer
- * 2000 hours

COLLEGE DEGREE FROM:

Airline Flight Academy

Airport Flight Schools

American Aviation

ATP Flight School

Averett University

Blue Ridge Community College

Hanpton University

Liberty University

Military

The return on investment for a pilot is \$35 earned for every dollar spent on certification, higher than a doctor or lawyer. It costs about \$120,000 for all of the education and training to become a commercial pilot and starting salaries are about \$90,000. Scholarships are available to cover some of the costs.