

# Flight instructor

Flight instructors teach and assess learning within the privileges of their instructor and pilot qualifications. They are not simply experienced pilots who decide to teach, and classroom, simulator and in-aircraft posts can have different requirements. This example is a US college flight-instruction appointment; academic hiring conditions are not automatically aviation-law requirements.

Other titles to compare: Certified flight instructor where the local certification applies, Flight instructor - aeroplane scope in this example. Titles alone do not establish equivalent duties.

## What the role does

- Plan and deliver instruction appropriate to the assigned course.
- Observe learning, provide feedback and maintain accurate progress records.
- Adapt teaching within approved responsibilities while protecting student information.

## Where the work happens

Flight-training organisation, college aviation programme, classrooms and aircraft as assigned; this guide does not teach flight manoeuvres.

## Employer example

**Sinclair Community College • United States • Aviation Flight Instructor - Part-Time (Adjunct) Faculty, 05504**

Active vacancy when checked • Checked 2026-10-27 [EMP1]

| Category                 | What this employer states                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Essential in this source | High-school diploma; commercial single-engine-land certificate with instrument rating and CFI for the assignment. Also meet one approved route: five years relevant professional/teaching experience; or 30 applicable college semester credits plus demonstrated teaching qualifications; or comparable relevant preparation accepted by the college. |
| Desirable in this source | Relevant associate/bachelor degree, additional instructor/pilot ratings and successful instructional experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Other stated conditions  | Work must be in an approved state (Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky). The full notice requires documentation and background checks; department/dean approval governs alternative academic routes.                                                                                                                                                             |

Selected conditions from this employer and role only; not a complete eligibility checklist or worldwide rule.

PREPARE AND VERIFY

## Separate requirements from preparation

United States - exercising instructor privileges: Section 61.197 makes recent experience a condition of exercising instructor privileges and specifies recognised routes. Possessing a certificate is not, by itself, evidence that every instructional privilege is current. The college's academic qualification alternatives are separate from FAA certification; initial eligibility and the exact instructional scope require independent checking. [REG1, EMP1]

Still to verify: One fully verified specific employer. Other university notices were unavailable and a Qatar page failed twice; no snippet-only requirements were used. Initial-eligibility section access was challenged and not bypassed; complete legal applicability remains unresolved.

## Explore a realistic entry route

- Identify the exact instructional assignment: ground instruction, simulator training, initial flight teaching or an experienced standardisation role. Similar instructor titles do not establish identical certificate privileges or teaching responsibilities.
- Compare the authority qualification pathway with the employer's academic and experience criteria. Record which alternatives the employer actually permits, what must be approved and what remains only preferred. Do not assume a college hiring exception waives an aviation requirement.
- Develop teaching ability through legitimate supervised opportunities and feedback. Before paying for instructor training, verify the provider, qualification sought, assessment and recency obligations. Ask the intended employer how new instructors are mentored and authorised for each assignment.

## Build evidence of your skills

- Teach a short non-aviation topic to a willing peer, state a learning objective and ask them to explain it back. Record feedback and one improvement without calling this professional flight-instructor experience.
- Create a fictional learner-progress record that distinguishes observed performance, feedback and next learning goals. Use invented data and avoid real medical or student records.

## Prepare for an interview

Reflection prompts only, not questions claimed to be used by an employer.

- Preparation prompt: describe a time your first explanation did not work. Explain how you checked understanding and changed your approach instead of blaming the learner.
- Prepare questions about supervision, instructional scope, assessment standards and how certificate recency is verified. These are not reported college interview questions.

## Investigate possible next roles

Investigate additional instructional ratings, standardisation or training leadership as separate pathways. Examiner and chief-instructor appointments have further conditions and are not automatic consequences of teaching experience.

## Sources and scope

[EMP1] [Sinclair Community College Aviation Flight Instructor - Part-Time \(Adjunct\) Faculty, 05504](#)

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[REG1] [Federal Aviation Administration / eCFR 14 CFR 61.197 - Recent experience requirements for flight instructor certification](#)

Recent-experience conditions for exercising flight-instructor privileges. Title 14 displayed current through 23 October 2026. Initial eligibility, rating privileges, medical applicability and school-specific rules are not fully consolidated here. Checked 2026-10-27.

Educational requirements guide, not operational training, a professional approval or an employment guarantee. Verify current requirements with the relevant authority and employer. Selected employer conditions are not worldwide eligibility rules. Read the complete current vacancy and competent authority requirements before choosing training or applying. No personal medical, immigration or employment eligibility assessment is made. No job guarantee.