



*It's time for you to fly!*

## Learning to Fly in Tupelo, MS

Tupelo has great resources for learning to fly or upgrading your ratings. The LearnToFlyTupelo.com site lists locally based Certified Flight Instructors and contacts for aircraft available for rental and instruction. This is not a formal flight school, instead you will pursue your ratings under FAA part 61 rules which allows you to customize your training to fit your schedule, goals, and budget. LearnToFlyTupelo.com exists to provide the information you need to assemble your team and make things happen.

Getting your private pilot certificate will require four main things:

### 1. Knowledge Test (ground school)

Before you solo, you will need to obtain a Student License Certificate from the FAA which involves passing the knowledge exam and obtaining your medical certificate. Most people do a combination of self-study by reading FAA provided materials along with an on-line test preparation course.

- 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>), Sporty's (<https://www.sportys.com/training.html>), King Schools (<https://www.kingschools.com>)

### 2. Flight Instruction

Flight instruction is the fun part! Your flight instructor will guide this process and train you to fly safely. You can choose how often you fly based on your goals, budget, and schedule. Locate an instructor using the lists on the website and arrange for an Introductory Flight. The instructors can teach you to fly using any of the available rental planes.

### 3. Medical

To obtain your student certificate and before your first solo, you will need to obtain an FAA 3rd class medical certificate by completing the forms at <https://medexpress.faa.gov/medexpress> and a physical exam with an FAA medical examiner.

### 4. Practical Exam (check ride)

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

- **Private pilot oral exam guide**(required) <https://www.sportys.com/private-oral-exam-guide.html>
- **ACS** – describes what you will be tested on during your check ride. (Airmen Certification Standards) [https://www.faa.gov/training\\_testing/testing/acs/media/private\\_airplane\\_acs\\_change\\_1.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acs/media/private_airplane_acs_change_1.pdf)

The good news is that you don't need to pass any tests or get a medical certificate to get started. The best thing to do is to find a flight instructor, make arrangements to rent a plane, and get flying!

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## **Private Pilot Training Requirements (FAR 61.109)**

**General: 17 years old, read/speak/write/understand English**

**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 takeoffs and 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 takeoff and landings; and
- 3 takeoffs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower. The FAA has good resources that explain the process in more detail at [https://www.faa.gov/pilots/become/student\\_cert/](https://www.faa.gov/pilots/become/student_cert/)

### **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>.



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## Local Instructors

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<b>Charlie Miller</b>	CFI, CFI, MEI	(662) 791-1193	<a href="mailto:flyinguptheretupelo@gmail.com">flyinguptheretupelo@gmail.com</a>
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## Rental Aircraft

### Shaffer Aviation (618-319-3420, [shafferaviationLLC@gmail.com](mailto:shafferaviationLLC@gmail.com))

- Rents a Cessna 172/180 (VFR/IFR) with Garmin 430W, Dual Digital AV30s, JPI900 Primary EDM.
- Costs: \$155 hr (fuel included) or \$1395 for a block of 10 hrs
- Download the webapp and fill out a rental agreement ([www.shafferaviation.com](http://www.shafferaviation.com))

### N6679S LLC

- Rents a 1967 Cessna 150H with:Garmin G5, Panel mounted Garmin 396, Micro Vortex(VGs)
- Block Rates Available
- Online Scheduling with Aircraftclubs.com
- Approved Instructors Only
- Rental Agreement Required
- Contact: [N6679S@gmail.com](mailto:N6679S@gmail.com)