

Polk State College – AS in Professional Pilot Science

Minimum Program Cost

The flight training costs below are minimums and are always subject to change due to fuel prices and the need for repeated flight lessons and additional practice. The amounts below represent the maximum initial funding amounts for students receiving any form of financial aid. Any additional training required beyond the FAA minimum is the financial responsibility of the student.

Core Flight Training Labs (Required)

ATF 1100L – Private Pilot Flight**	<u>Minimum Flight Cost</u>
ATF 2305L – Instrument Pilot Flight	\$9,430
ATF 2211L – Commercial Pilot Flight	\$8,509
Total Minimum Flight Cost	\$28,559
	\$46,498

Elective Flight Training Labs (Optional)

ATF 2403L – Commercial Pilot Multi-Engine Flight	<u>Minimum Flight Cost</u>
ATF 2500L – Certified Flight Instructor Airplane	\$8,145
ATF 2530L – Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument Airplane**	\$9,035
ATF 2510L – Certified Flight Instructor Multi-Engine**	\$4,755
Total Minimum Flight Cost	\$13,205
	\$35,140

*Note: Must hold an FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating prior to beginning elective flight training.

** VA Benefit not authorized.

In addition to flight training costs, students will be responsible for obtaining supplies, books, and paying tuition for college courses and FAA testing fees for each certificate obtained through the program. The summary below further estimates the cost of the professional pilot program.

These costs are subject to change, so these costs must be viewed as approximations only.

Elective Flight Training Labs (Optional)

Tuition (64 in-state credits at \$112.22/hr. for 2024-2025)	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Lab Fee	\$7,180
Supplies and Equipment	\$140.50
Books (18 classes at \$100 per class)	\$1,000+
	\$1,800

*Supply costs depend on what is purchased and how much the student wants to spend. For example, a headset is a required piece of equipment for the Aerospace program. A headset can cost between \$150 and \$1,000, depending on the model chosen. Further, some equipment is required while other equipment is optional.

The typical student will pursue the Multi-Engine Additional Rating as well as the Flight Instructor Airplane Certificate, in addition to their required core flight training. In this case, students should plan to spend at least \$64,000 throughout pilot training for the AS in Professional Pilot Science at Polk State College. Pursuing all elective flight opportunities increases the total cost of attendance to about \$82,000 throughout pilot training.