

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.

Students who do not have the full balance in their flight account by the end of the first week of the semester in which they are enrolled and have not made alternative funding arrangements with the College will be withdrawn from the flight lab.

Core Flight Training Labs (Required)

ATF 1100L – Private Pilot Flight	<u>Minimum Flight Cost</u> \$8,200 (35 hours of training)
ATF 2305L – Instrument Pilot Flight	\$7,400 (37.7 hours of training)
ATF 2210L – Commercial Pilot Flight	<u>\$22,000</u> (120 hours of training)
Total Minimum Flight Cost	\$37,600

Elective Flight Training Labs (Optional)

ATF 2403L – Commercial Pilot Multi-Engine Flight	<u>Minimum Flight Cost</u> \$5,200* (15 hours of training)
ATF 2500L – Certified Flight Instructor Airplane	\$4,200* (25 hours of training)
ATF 2530L – Certified Flight Instructor Instrument	\$4,300* (15 hours of training)
ATF 2510L – Certified Flight Instructor Multi-Engine	<u>\$6,500*</u> (25 hours of training)
Total Minimum Flight Cost	\$20,200

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

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.***

Other Costs

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Tuition (64 in-state credits at \$112.22/hr for 2015-16)	\$7,180
Supplies/Equipment*	1,000+
FAA Testing Fees (\$650/certification)	\$4,550
Books (18 classes at \$100/class)	\$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. Reference the Flight Training Supply List on the program website for specific supply costs for each flight training course.*

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. All students should expect to require training times in excess of the FAA minimum times listed above. In this case, students should plan to spend a minimum of \$65,000 throughout the course of 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 approximately \$80,000 throughout the course of pilot training.