

CPTC CAREER PATHWAYS Professional Pilot

Career Cluster:

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Professional Pilot

A professional pilot possesses a commercial pilot certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Students graduating from this course usually begin their careers as flight instructors. After working as a flight instructor for one to two years, most progress into charter flight, corporate flying, and commuter or major commercial airlines.

STARTING CONSIDERATIONS

[Apply to Clover Park Technical College](#)

STARTING OPTIONS

- Still in high school
 - [Dual credit courses](#)
- Other students:
- High School Diploma / Some College
 - [GED](#), [ESL](#), Adult Basic Skills (ABE)
 - 1st Career / 2nd Career
 - Seeking Professional Credentials
 - [Continuing Ed](#)
 - [E-Learning](#) (online instruction)

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ENTRY-LEVEL CERTIFICATE OPTION

Private Pilot

- 2 quarter/arranged flight times
- Student Pilot Certificate required
- Minimum Age 16 1/2 years

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Commercial Pilot

Federal License Required

CERTIFICATE OPTION

Instrument Pilot

- 2 quarter/arranged flight times
- Instrument Rating Certification
- Minimum Age 17 years

CERTIFICATE OPTION

Commercial Pilot

- 4 quarter/arranged flight times
- Minimum Age 17 years

CERTIFICATE OPTION

Flight Instructor

- 1 quarter/arranged flight times
- Minimum Age 18 years

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Flight Instructor

Federal License Required

PROFESSIONAL PILOT ASSOCIATE DEGREE

AAT & AAS-T

- 8 quarter program
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards
- [Dual Credit Articulation Agreements](#)
- minimum age 16 1/2 years

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Professional Pilot

Entrepreneurship Opportunities

Federal License Required