

## **Myths about flying lessons**

### **Myth: I only need 40 hours to get my license.**

**The Full Story:** While it is true, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires a minimum of 40 hours flight time before you can get your license, you must also demonstrate a required skill level that may or may not be done with only 40 hours or training. In fact the national average is anywhere from 65-75 hours to pass standard requirement.

**CFC View:** Our training is skill based and not about the hours. Each lesson is designed to build on each other and teach you skills, not just to burn time. You will progress at your own speed and capabilities. We want you to get your license, but we want you to be a knowledgeable pilot as well.

### **Myth: The instructor is only here to build time and/or only concerned with what I do in the air.**

**The Full Story:** It is the instructor's responsibility to prepare you to meet the standards required for certification to be a pilot. (FAA-H-8083-27 p.4) You will not only have to have time in the aircraft but you will be required to take a Written Test (Knowledge Test) and a Practical Test (Oral and Check-Ride).

**CFC View:** We aren't going to lie to you; there are instructors that are only concerned with building their time so they can move on to something "bigger and better." Others many only be interested in teaching you the minimum it will take to get your license. At Coyote Flight Centers, we not only teach you the required standards but the reasoning behind them, the safety aspect of flying and the decision making skills required to be a safe pilot.

### **Myth: All training is the same.**

**The Full Story:** No two people are alike, thus no two instructors or pilots are alike. Therefore...not all training is the same. Proper instruction should be tailored to suit your learning style.

**CFC View:** It is the knowledge and skills that you learn while training that will effect how you fly in the future. We believe in building a solid foundation for you to build on no matter where your flying takes you in the future. We work with your skills and learning style to make learning productive for you.

### **Myth: Part 141 School is better than a Part 61 School.**

**The Full Story:** Neither one is better. You will find good and bad instructors in both type of schools.

**CFC View:** Both type of schools serve a different purpose. If you want to get done faster, Part 141 usually offer an intense fast-track program. There are no Part 141 schools in Amarillo. To attend a 141 school, you would have to train away from home. If you want to get away from work and focusing on nothing but training then a 141 school might be what you need.

For most people, it is not possible to drop everything and pick up and go out of town for a for flight training. Therefore, a Part 61 flight school can be beneficial. We are a Part 61

flight school. This allows us to offer more flexibility, and can provide individualized attention to your training to fit your needs.

**Myth: I already have an instructor so I can't change.**

**The Full Story:** Truth be told, if you don't feel comfortable, safe or if you don't think you are learning anything at all, you owe it to yourself to look at other options.

**CFC View:** No matter where you fly, tell your instructor if you feel like something is missing. If things don't improve, talk to other instructors and/or schools. Please remember that it is normal to get stuck in a learning curve and don't feel like you are progressing. Be patient with yourself. It will click. If it doesn't, some instructors may have you fly with another instructor for that area to see what may be missing. Always look elsewhere if you feel an instructor is not safe. (See "Choosing An Instructor.") Also talk to other students and pilots to get a different perspective. (see mentors /safety pilots page for people willing to help)

**Myth: The least expensive training is more cost effective. The more expensive the training/aircraft the better quality I will get.**

**The Full Story:** No and No. Quality instruction is the more cost effective. Quality does not come from being expensive. It comes from the knowledge and dedication of your instructor and school and how much time you are willing to study on your own.

**CFC View:** At Coyote Flight Centers, it is a team effort: Your instructor, you, and the flying community. We believe in providing you quality training at an affordable rate. In a skills based program, your training will be more cost effective because you will learn new skills while building on the ones you already know. More importantly, you will get training that will prepare you for "real world" flying. What you do or don't learn can make all the difference in the world. It takes a lot of work to get your license. We want you to succeed and have safe/proper training.