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# The Helicopter Industry

There is a shortage of helicopter pilots in the industry due to the retirement of the Vietnam era trained helicopter pilots and the reduction of military training today. The increased use of helicopters in many fields such as **Air Medical Services, Law Enforcement, and Offshore Oil Transport** has created an additional demand for qualified helicopter pilots. All providing a great potential for someone wanting to start a new career.



The average student can begin working as a helicopter pilot in as little as 12-24 months, with a *starting* earning potential of **\$40-\$45,000** a year. With out financing options, OAC, all training may be covered with little to no out of pocket costs and deferred payments until after completion.

# Higher

## *Thank You For Your Interest In Our Program!*

At Higher Ground Helicopters, we specialize in training career oriented pilots by offering a unique program that provides the student with all the necessary training to meet the needs of an ever growing helicopter industry. With a combined experience of over 17 years in the helicopter industry, founders Chad Fath and Benjamin Schenk, began Higher Ground Helicopters with the intent to increase the standard of helicopter flight training. They created the *Complete Professional Helicopter Career Program*, geared towards working with the schedule of a busy adult and increasing the education standards.

We are able to provide our student pilots with the highest level of training available through the use of our state of the art equipment. Our helicopter flight simulator is used to familiarize the student with the flight controls, which reduces the training time for pilots and increases safety. Our helicopters, *Robinson Helicopters*, are the most widely used training helicopters in the world due to its reduced operating cost and safety features making it the leader in the industry.

**With the use of our helicopter flight simulator and Robinson Helicopters, we can offer a training program at the lowest cost to the student with maximum safety.**

**If becoming a helicopter pilot is  
to pro**

# Ground

## *Program Packages*

### **Complete Professional Pilot Program**

Private Rating	Included
Commercial Rating	Included
CFI Rating (To 200 Hours)	Included
All Ground Courses	Included
Books	Included
Current Charts & AFDs	Included
All Checkrides & Written Exams (Initial Exams Only)	Included

### **Private Rating**

<i>50 Hours Total Helicopter Time</i>	
40 Hours Dual	Included
10 Hours Solo	Included
Flight Simulator	Included
Private Ground Course	Included
Books/Headset	Included
Checkride & Written Exam (Initial Exams Only)	Included

### **Commercial Rating**

<i>100 Hours Total Helicopter Time</i>	
90 Hours Dual	Included
10 Hours Solo	Included
10 Hours Instrument	Included
Commercial Ground Course	Included
Books	Included
Checkride & Written Exam	Included
*Robinson Safety Course	Included
Flight To and From Safety Course	Included

### **Certified Flight Instructors Rating**

<i>50 Hours Total Helicopter Time</i>	
40 Hours Dual	Included
10 Hours Solo	Included
CFI Ground Course	Included
Books	Included
Checkride & 2 Written Exams (Initial Exams Only)	Included

**in your future, we hope your will cho  
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# Helicopters

## *Our Program In Comparison To Other Programs*

**Higher Ground Helicopters' Complete Professional Helicopter Career Program** provides the student with all the necessary flight & ground training required to be employable as a helicopter pilot at one complete price.

- ❑ **Most** flight schools only sell their programs at the FAA minimums which normally results in students incurring increased cost to complete. **Our** programs cover everything from the books to the final check rides giving our students a complete understanding of cost from day one.
- ❑ **Most** flight schools only take students to the minimums to get their Certified Flight Instructor Rating. **Our** program takes the student to 200 hours total flight time at a 90% education standard, making them employable immediately upon completion.
- ❑ **Most** flight schools only offer ground school on a one on one basis increasing student costs. **Our** program offers a group ground school, that decreases student cost and increases program uniformity.

**Choose Higher Ground Helicopters  
Action!**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Is there a cut off age for being a helicopter pilot?**

You must be 18 years of age and there is no top out age, as long as you can pass a 2nd class medical (a basic physical) and have 20/20 correctable vision.

## **Do you need to fly an airplane first, to fly helicopters?**

No, you will begin your training in a helicopter from day one, flying airplanes is not a requirement.

## **What can I expect to be paid as a helicopter pilot?**

Flight instructors make between \$15 and \$25 an hour starting pay. A helicopter pilot can expect to make between \$40,000 and \$45,000 in the first two years of employment. From there the salaries go up to \$50,000 and \$60,000 for mid-level jobs and upwards to over \$100,000 for twin engine and high skill jobs such as corporate, news and logging.

## **Is there financing options available?**

Higher Ground Helicopters does offer financing options. Depending upon OAC, students may have all training costs covered and payments deferred until completion of the program.

## **How long will it take me to finish my training?**

That depends on the open availability of the individual and how well you retain the information. The student with a full time job will take, on average, between 12-24 months.

## **What sets Higher Ground Helicopters apart from other flight training schools?**

Our all inclusive program and increased education standard make us capable of producing a more competent and safe pilot. Unlike most schools we hold our students to a 90% education standard, which is 20% higher than the regulated FAA minimum.

## **Why do you need 200 hours of helicopter time?**

In order to be employable as a flight instructor in a Robinson Helicopter, you need a minimum of 200 hours in helicopters to meet the requirements of SFAR 73 to part 61.

## **Can anyone become a helicopter pilot?**

Anyone with good health, correctable vision to 20/20 (glasses & contacts are permitted) and those who have the dedication, motivation, and passion for aviation will go far in the industry.