Cost Breakdown to Becoming an Airline Pilot

Airline Transport Pilot License (ATP)

Requirements:

1. Age and Character:

- Be at least 23 years old.

- Be of good moral character.

2. Pilot Certification:

- Hold a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating.

3. Medical Certification:

- Possess a First-Class Medical Certificate to act as Pilot-in-Command.

4. Flight Experience:

- Accumulate a minimum of 1,500 total flight hours, including:

  - 500 hours of cross-country flight time.

  - 100 hours of night flight time.

  - 50 hours in the class of airplane for the rating sought.

  - 75 hours of instrument flight time.

  - 250 hours as Pilot-in-Command (PIC).

5. Training Program:

- Complete the ATP Certification Training Program (ATP-CTP), which includes:

  - 30 hours of classroom instruction covering advanced topics such as aerodynamics, meteorology,

and air carrier operations.

   - 10 hours of training in a flight simulator, focusing on scenarios like low-energy states, upset recovery techniques, and adverse weather conditions.

6. Examinations:

- Pass the FAA ATP knowledge test.

- Successfully complete the practical test (checkride) for the ATP certificate.