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So Here Are the Questions you Need to Ask Each Instructor and compare answers:

- What frequency of flight training works best for your students?
 - Twice a week, Three times a week, Once a week?
- How much per hour is instruction?
 - You may already know the instruction cost from talking to the front desk.
- How will you plan my training?
 - Instructors should follow a syllabus (e.g., AOPA, Gleim, Kings) and be familiar with the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS).
 - Training should be organized with tasks tracked from day one.
 - Avoid instructors without a syllabus or tracking system.
- What is expected of me to prepare for my lessons?
- About how many hours of flight training are your students taking to get their Private Pilot License?
 - Recognizing that everyone is different, and you may achieve the license in less or more time.
- Do you start with ground instruction before beginning flight training?
 - The instructor should prepare you for each lesson and debrief you afterward.
- Does the instructor use any kind of training app to track my training progress?

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- Apps help track tasks and visualize your progression.
- What is your strategy for learning plateaus?
 - Good instructors help students through plateaus by switching tasks and revisiting the challenging ones later.
- What is the success rate of your students passing their FAA Practical Flight Test on their first try?
 - Honest instructors will give you a fair answer. A good instructor ensures you're fully prepared before test day.
- What is the estimated cost to get a Private Pilot License?
 - You should receive a ballpark estimate even if actual costs vary.
- What is the policy for last minute cancellation?
 - Understand cancellation fees and policies, especially for cancellations within 24 hours.