

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The student will understand the elements related to flight instructor characteristics and responsibilities
Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Aviation Instructors Responsibilities▪ Flight Instructors Responsibilities▪ Professionalism▪ Aviation Instructors & Exams▪ Professional Development
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review lesson objectives▪ Review lesson material▪ Conclusion & Review
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White Board / Markers▪ References
CFI Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Present lesson▪ Use teaching aids▪ Ask/ answer questions
Student Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participate in discussion▪ Take notes▪ Ask / answer questions
Completion Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The student understands the responsibilities associated with instructing as well as the characteristics of a professional instructor

Additional Notes: _____

CE = Common Error

Introduction

Overview

Review objectives / Elements

What

This lesson will discuss the responsibilities of aviation instructors and flight instructors.

Why

To have a professional image, The flight instructor has to follow some general professionalism rules and responsibilities

How

Aviation Instructors Responsibilities

HEMPSS

Helping Student Learn

- Students are paying us to teach them
- Learning needs to be enjoyable and interesting
- Students need to see growth

Emphasizing the Positives

- Emphasizing the positives allows students to build a positive impression of learning
- Success depends on the instructor's ability to create a positive image of aviation

Minimizing Student Frustration

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- Motivate Students
- Approach students as individuals
- Give credit when credit is due
- Be consistent
- Admit errors
- Criticize constructively
- Keep students informed

Providing Adequate Instruction

- Every student learns differently, it's our job to analyze each student and give instruction that works for them

Standards of Performance

- Students should be held to standards because 1, the ACS requires these standards for the practical test and 2, it builds motivation when a student performs a task within standards

Safety

- Aviation is inherently dangerous. It's our job to make the learning environment safe and fun for the student

Flight Instructor Responsibilities

Physiological Obstacles for Flight Students

- GA flying will be a whole new world if a student has no experience
 - Fear of small aircraft
 - Strange noises
 - G-forces/Motion sickness
- We must help students overcome these obstacles

Ensuring Student Ability

- As flight instructors we can issue solo endorsements and this comes with a lot of responsibility
 - Ensure the student is trained in all areas applicable to the endorsement
- The student must be trained on applicable flight and ground training prior to a practical test

Professionalism

Personal Characteristics

- Sincerity
- Straight forward and honest
 - Do not attempt to hide inadequacy behind a smokescreen
 - Teaching is most effective when the instructor and student accept each other

Personal Appearance, Habits, Demeanor & Language

- Your habits will rub off on your student
- Instructors are expected to be clean, and appropriately dressed
- Exercise common courtesy!
- A flight instructor should develop a calm, thoughtful, and disciplined, but not somber demeanor
- Put the student at ease
- The instructor should portray a subject matter expert as well as a genuine interest in the field

Acceptance of the Student

- The instructor must accept students for what they are
- Under no circumstance should the instructor degrade a student for their flaws

Aviation Instructors & Exams

Knowledge Tests

- Student will require endorsements for knowledge tests
 - They can either complete home study course or we can teach every subject
 - Either way, we need to assess their knowledge before issuing the endorsement to ensure they are competent in the subject
- Instructors are responsible for deficient instruction
 - We need to retrain on problem areas and issue a new endorsement

Practical Tests

- Signing a practical endorsement imposes serious responsibility on the instructor
 - Students need to demonstrate at least ACS standards every time because this is what we are signing
- If the student is unprepared, the instructor is held accountable
 - Be protective of your record, don't sign an endorsement if the outcome is "iffy"

Professional Development

- Professional flight instructors do not become complacent or satisfied with their own qualifications and abilities and are always looking for ways to improve

Continuing Education

- Continually update knowledge and skills
- Continue education at aviation training institutions
- Obtain more ratings (sea plane multi, engine etc.)
- Update material including handbooks, ACSs, PTSs etc.

Conclusion & Review

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- Briefly review the key points of the lesson

Review

1. Aviation instructor responsibilities
2. Flight instructor responsibilities
3. Professionalism
4. Evaluation of student ability
5. Aviation instructors & Exams
6. Professional development