



Flight Program Evaluation Checklist

For:

Question	Your Notes	😊
Is flight training conducted "in house" or is it outsourced?		
Is flight training conducted under part 141, part 61, or a mix?		
Does the organization do its own maintenance or does it out-source? What jobs are available for student workers?		
Does the organization have "self-examining" privileges? If not, what's the cost & wait time for checkrides?		
Is there a dispatching/flight tracking system? Is there a curfew or limits to when flight training can occur?		
Are the facilities & airplanes clean and well maintained?		
How old are the airplanes? Are they standardized or random?		
Does the organization have restricted ATP approval (R-ATP) for 1000 hours total time?		
Does the organization have simulators? Can students practice in them for free?		
Is there a waiting list to fly? Are students assigned the same instructor at regular intervals? Are instructors "standardized"?		
What is included in the "sticker cost" for each flight course? What is NOT included?		
Does the organization have an organized safety culture? Have they had accidents/incidents? Is there ATC at the airport?		
What do program graduates say? What do current students say? Are scholarships offered?		
How can you track how much money you spend on training?		
What is the source for the program's instructors?		

Important: This checklist is not meant to cover/explain all situations or make your decision for you!

Check out my other videos on flight training topics: <https://bit.ly/dispatchvideos> on my YouTube Channel: Aviation 101 with Laura

Visit my website: <https://www.theaviationvault.com>

Copyright 2025 by Laura Laster

