Q. What is an Intro Flight?

A. A Intro Flight is a flight that we offer that lets you see what flying a helicopter is all about without worrying about enrolling or paying a high fee for a normal instructional flight.

Q. How much does helicopter flight instruction cost?

A. Average cost for Private, Commercial and Certified Flight Instructor ratings all together costs \$60,000.

Q. Can I get financing for my helicopter training?

A. Yes. Pilot finance Inc. AOPA, Virgin Money and your Local Bank are great sources for financing your training.

Q. Does Heliventures require full payment for my helicopter rating up front?

A. No. You can pay per flight or put money into a pre-paid account with us.

Q. What books do I need to get?

A. Heliventures provides you with all the necessary books and study material to get you through your private, commercial and flight instructor ratings.

Q. How old do I have to be to get my license?

A. You can begin your training with us as early as age 13 but you will not be able solo until you are 16 and you will not be able to get your license until you turn 17.

Q. I have a job and a family. Can I still train with Heliventures?

A. Yes. We are very flexible when it comes to your schedule. We fly when you can fly.

Q. When can I start my training?

A. Anytime. Heliventures is flexible when it comes to when you would like to start.

Q. Why does the Schweizer 300 cost more to train in than the Robinson R22?

A. The Robinson R22 was never designed to be a primary helicopter trainer but the low cost of operation has made it very popular as a cheaper alternative to the Schweizer 300. The Schweizer 300 has been around for more than 40 years and was used exclusively by the US military as a primary trainer for its pilots until 1988.

Q. I know the Robinson R22 has a seat weight limit of 240 pounds. Is this the same in the Schweizer 300?

A. No. The Schweizer 300 has a 300 pound seat weight limit.

Q. Do you accept Veterans benefits?

A. Yes. Heliventures is approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs to train current and prior military personnel.

Q. Are Helicopters harder to fly than Airplanes?

A. No. Flying a helicopter is just different. The helicopter looks more complex than an airplane, which is why most people are usually more impressed by a helicopter pilot than an airplane pilot. The time it takes to achieve your helicopter rating is the same as it takes to get an airplane rating.

Q. Can a helicopter continue to fly when the engine quits?

A. Yes. You as a pilot will be trained to perform an "Auto Rotation" which allows the helicopter to continue to fly and land safely even if the engine fails.

Q. Do you need an Airplane license to get a Helicopter license?

A. No. There is no prior experience necessary for attaining your helicopter rating.

Q. Do you hire your graduates?

A. Heliventures cannot guarantee employment but if there were a need for a CFI at the time of or around the time of your graduation then yes we would possibly hire you.