

Ask better questions. Compare clearly.

Bring this worksheet to each school visit. Record what the team explains, request the written details, and compare programs that lead to the same certificates and ratings.

School / contact: _____ Visit date: _____

01 Which training path fits my goal?

List the certificates and ratings in order. Note how existing experience is evaluated.

02 What does the full estimate include?

Ask about aircraft, instruction, ground, simulator, exams, materials and separate fees.

03 What happens if I need more training?

Write down additional-training rates and request any assurance terms and exclusions.

04 Can the schedule work with my week?

Discuss lesson frequency, study time, cancellations and realistic availability.

05 Who will teach me and track progress?

Ask about instructor qualifications, continuity, stage checks and support between lessons.

06 Which aircraft and resources will I use?

Ask about the aircraft assigned to your program, scheduling and backup options.

07 What does career support include?

Separate training services, introductions and application support from employment promises.

08 What should I leave this visit with?

Request a written plan, itemized estimate, current terms and a named follow-up contact.

Compare the same training plan.

Use the same endpoint for every school. Leave unknowns blank until you have written answers; do not treat a missing figure as zero.

Detail to compare	School A	School B	School C
School / contact			
Certificates and ratings			
Planned aircraft hours			
Instructor / ground / simulator			
Total written estimate			
Costs paid separately			
Additional-training rates			
Lesson frequency / availability			
Estimated completion + assumptions			
Cancellation / refund / pause terms			
Instructor qualifications / support			

My next step

My priorities: _____

Questions still unanswered: _____

Follow-up contact and date: _____

Talk through your plan with Venture West. Visit flyvwa.com/contact or call (480) 685-5440. Read the full eight-question guide at flyvwa.com/blog/compare-flight-schools-mesa.