

## II. 8. Medical and Pilot Certificate Requirements

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### Explanation of Changes

- February 2026 – This review has a couple of updates:
  - Deletion of Avit 221
  - Addition of requirement to have any prior flight training towards a certificate/rating complete prior to attending UND.
- October 2023 – this revision has three updates:
  - Revised formatting to match other policies.
  - Clarified requirements regarding the possession of medical and appropriate pilot certificates to be in an aviation ground school class.
  - Revised information pertaining to minimum required medical and pilot certificates for Avit 102 through Avit 415 as new TCOs have been approved since the previous revision of this policy.

### 1. Information Regarding Medical and Pilot Certificates for Students Enrolled in Flight Courses – General.

- a. Students are required to have a current medical certificate, appropriate pilot certificate, and meet Transportation Security Administration requirements prior to beginning flight training.
- b. Except as provided in paragraph 2, students must be in possession of their medical and appropriate pilot certificate by the first day of the academic class to remain enrolled in the class.
- c. It is recommended that students should obtain their medical certificates at least six months prior to beginning their flight training to allow for ample time to address problems and ensure completion of medical certification prior to the beginning of flight training.
- d. While only a Third Class Medical Certificate is required for flight training, we advocate students to request a higher-level certificate to identify potential health limitations that could impact future career opportunities.
  1. Students under the age of 35 are encouraged to initially obtain a Second Class Medical Certificate.
  2. Students 35 years of age or greater are encouraged to obtain a First Class Medical Certificate.
- e. Medical certificates are obtained by completion of a physical examination conducted by a physician designated as a FAA Aviation Medical Examiner (“AME”).

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- f. Students who are admitted to UND who are working towards their Private Pilot's Certificate will be required to have their FAA Private Pilot Certificate completed by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they plan to attend UND.
  - 1. If not done with their flight training by August 1<sup>st</sup>, they have two options:
    - 1. They can stop training and take Avit 102 in its entirety.
    - 2. They can defer starting at UND until Spring of the following year. This means taking no classes at UND for the Fall semester.
      - a. They then have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain their private pilot certificate.
- g. If a student chooses to continue their flight training after August 1<sup>st</sup> and the start of the Fall semester and decides to enroll in courses in the Fall, they are required to take Avit 102 and complete all flight lessons in accordance with the Training Course Outline.

## **2. Exceptions to the Requirement of Possessing Medical and Appropriate Pilot Certificates.**

- a. Students in Avit 102 will complete their Student Pilot Certificate ("SPC") at UND with their flight instructor upon signing up for a flight lab. As such, first attempt students in this course are waived from possessing their SPC by day one of class.
- b. Students in Avit 102 should have their medical certificate prior to the start of class. If a student does not possess their medical certificate by day one of class, they may remain in class provided they have scheduled or will schedule an appointment with UND Student Health or any other AME in the area and obtain their medical certificate by 16:00 (4PM) on the first Friday of classes.
  - 1. Students who do not possess a medical certificate by 16:00 (4PM) on the first Friday of classes will be dropped from class.
- c. Students not pursuing pilot certification may enroll in Avit 102/143 without a medical certificate with the approval of the Aviation Department.

## **3. Minimum Certificate Requirements – General.**

- a. Avit 102/143
  - 1. Third Class Medical Certificate and a Student Pilot Certificate.
- b. Avit 220/222
  - 1. Third Class Medical Certificate and a Private Pilot Certificate.
- c. Avit 323/324
  - 1. Third Class Medical Certificate and a Private Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating.
- d. Avit 325/414

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1. Third Class Medical Certificate and a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating.
- e. Avit 415
  1. Third Class Medical Certificate, a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating, and a Flight Instructor Certificate.
- f. Solo flights
  1. Third Class Medical Certificate and appropriate pilot certificate for the course the solo is to be conducted in.
- g. Graduation from approved FAR 141 TCOs
  1. To be eligible for FAR 141 graduation, students must possess at least a Third Class Medical Certificate at the time the End of Course Test is attempted and also at the time of graduation. This rule applies to the following 141 courses offered:
    1. Private Pilot SEL
    2. Instrument Rating – Airplane
    3. Commercial Pilot Airplane SEL
    4. Additional Aircraft Class Rating AMEL
    5. Flight Instructor Airplane Single-Engine
    6. Flight Instructor Instrument Airplane
- h. For the purposes of paragraph 3b – 3e, completing the prior course’s End of Course Test will be sufficient in place of an actual certificate.

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