

John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences
Aviation Department

SUBJECT: II.8 Medical and Pilot Certificate Requirements (revised 09/2017)

PURPOSE: To outline certificate requirements for students enrolled in flight courses at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

POLICY: Students are required to have a current medical certificate, appropriate pilot certificates and meet Transportation Security Administration requirements prior to beginning flight training. Students not pursuing pilot certification may enroll in Avit 102/143 without a medical certificate with Aviation Department approval. Medical certificates and Student Pilot Certificates are obtained by completion of a physical examination conducted by a physician designated as an FAA Aviation Medical Examiner.

Students should obtain their medical certificates six months before they begin flight training. This should allow ample time to address problems and ensure completion of medical certification prior to the beginning of flight training.

There are three classes of medical certificates. Students under age 35 are recommended to initially obtain a Second Class Medical Certificate, while students over age 35 are recommended to initially obtain a First Class Medical Certificate. While only a Third Class Medical Certificate is required for flight training, we advocate students request a higher-level certificate to help identify any potential health limitations that could impact future career opportunities.

The minimum certificate requirements for each flight course are indicated below:

- 1) All students must have at least a Third Class Medical Certificate and a Student Pilot Certificate prior to enrolling in the flight training associated with AVIT 102/143.
- 2) All students must have at least a Third Class Medical Certificate and a Private Pilot Certificate prior to enrolling in the flight training associated with AVIT 221.
- 3) All students must have at least a Third Class Medical Certificate and at least a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating prior to enrolling in the flight training associated with AVIT 414.
- 4) All students must have at least a Third Class Medical Certificate, at least a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating, and a Flight Instructor Certificate prior to enrolling in the flight training associated with AVIT 415.
- 5) Students are required to have at least a Third Class Medical Certificate for all solo flights conducted in all flight training courses offered at UND.
- 6) To be eligible for FAR 141 graduation from the Private Pilot SEL, the Commercial/Instrument Pilot Airplane – SMEL, the Flight Instructor, and the Instrument Flight Instructor certification courses, students must possess at least a Third Class Medical Certificate at the time of graduation.