

This is a standard plan for your Instructor training. It is not the only training route, but it is the most economical and efficient plan for a straight forward instructor career.

Phase I CFI	250 hours or more	-> Prerequisites: CPL Single and an IFR rating adequate for the rating sought.
	15 hours Fixed gear	You need about 15 hours training in a fixed gear aircraft and about 5 hours training in a complex aircraft. Expect about 30 hours of ground school with emphasis on lesson planning and improving your teaching skills. The CFI course is a very intensive training step. Extended aeronautical knowledge is essential; hence a thorough theoretical preparation is necessary before you start any of the instructor courses (CFI,CFII or MEI)
	5 hours complex	
	Checkride	Initial Checkride, CFI
Phase II CFII	about 10 hours CFII training	You will sharpen your IFR skills on the right seat and be able to control any IFR scenario from there while actively teaching the student from the right seat. Expect about 15 hours of additional ground school for the theory portion of this course. You also need to pass a written test for this rating that is similar to the written IFR test. If you do the CFII in this sequence your check ride will be less comprehensive in comparison to the initial test.
	Checkride	CFII Checkride
Phase III MEI	15 hrs multi	You learn to fly and teach the multiengine aircraft from the right seat. Safety and competence is a major issue when teaching one engine out procedures. Additional study is necessary but there is no written test for this level. Once passed, you will be able to deliver multiengine instruction VFR. If you did the CFII, you also can teach multi IFR.
	Checkride	MEI Checkride
Total hours	295 hrs	Or more