

Lesson 41. Mock flight

Ground 0.5 hr | Dual 2.0 hr | ACS all flight areas of operation, IV to XII and XIV. This lesson claims no new task. It tests the flight portion at practical test scope

Conducted by the same second Delivery Pool instructor who conducted lesson 40. This is a requirement, not a preference (US-8.2, Decision 4)

Standard: standards/MOCK-PRACTICAL.md. Shape: standards/MANEUVER-LESSON-SHAPE.md, which this lesson assesses rather than teaches

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AIRCRAFT	N41459 Warrior	Ground only	FLIGHT TIME	GROUND TIME

OBJECTIVE

The candidate flies the flight portion at practical test scope with an instructor who has never flown with them, teaching from the right seat throughout, and leaves with their half of a written deficiency list.

The combined standard is the one being tested, and it is the one candidates lose. FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 1, read 2026-08-14, requires the evaluator to confirm the applicant's ability to perform the tasks at the level of a commercial pilot while giving effective flight instruction. That is one standard, not two that can be met in turn. A candidate who flies beautifully in silence and one who narrates fluently while drifting off altitude have both missed it.

LESSON STEPS: THE ELEMENTS, IN TEACHING ORDER

Check each element as it is taught. Leave anything not done blank. Sign once at the bottom.

- The preflight brief, as an evaluator briefs a practical test
FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 1, Appendix 3
- The view limiting device procedure, agreed before the flight
61.45(d)(2), FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 3
- Preflight preparation and procedures, taught
AI.III, AI.V
- The preflight lesson on a maneuver to be performed in flight
AI.IV.A, 61.187(b)(1)(iv)
- Airport operations, takeoffs, landings, and go-arounds, taught
AI.VI, AI.VII
- Fundamentals of flight and performance maneuvers, taught
AI.VIII, AI.IX
- Slow flight and the stall series, taught, with the stall briefing Appendix 3 requires
AI.X, FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 3
- Basic instrument maneuvers, taught
AI.XI
- Emergency operations, taught
AI.XII
- Postflight procedures, taught
AI.XIV
- Analyzing and correcting the evaluator's simulated common errors
FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 1

COMPLETION STANDARDS

Read the note under standard 9 before reading standards 1 to 8.

1. The candidate teaches continuously from the right seat and does not go silent through any maneuver entry, roll-in, or recovery.
2. The candidate delivers a preflight lesson on each maneuver before it is flown, covering the objective, the elements, and the common errors.
3. The candidate flies each demonstrated maneuver to commercial tolerance while narrating it, meeting both halves of that standard at the same time.
4. The candidate identifies and corrects at least six simulated Student errors, naming the error, its probable cause, and the correction.
5. The candidate prioritizes correctly when two errors are present, addressing the one that matters first, at least twice.
6. The candidate states their own intervention threshold before the flight and takes the airplane at or before it during at least one deliberately induced deviation.
7. The candidate defers a Student question asked at a high workload moment, and returns to it.
8. The candidate teaches the postflight procedures, rather than performing them silently.
9. A written deficiency list exists at the end of the lesson, in the format in standards/MOCK-PRACTICAL.md, covering lessons 40 and 41 together, with every row carrying an observation, the standard not met, an assigned remediation, an owner, and a date. Any area of operation not assessed is recorded as not assessed.

There is no pass mark and there is no fail. Standards 1 to 8 describe what the candidate does, and shortfalls become rows on the deficiency list rather than a verdict. Falling short does not block lesson 42 (Decision 9), and it triggers policy/REMEDIATION-VISIBILITY.md.

DEBRIEF AND SIGN-OFF

Critique: the error, its probable cause, and the correction. Candidate self-critique first.

Sign once for the whole lesson. Elements left unchecked above were not taught this session.

SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE / INITIALS

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