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Rotor CFII

Started flying in 2021

I love the challenges that come with being a pilot.

Best piece of advice is to be planning how/where/what you want you want to do to build hours. If you want to go the flight instructor route, you will want to do your training in Robinson helicopters (need to meet the SFAR-73 minimums to instruct and 95% of flight schools use Robinson).

If you're wanting to go the tour route, you will need R44 time.

Those are going to be the 2 most common routes to build your hours. I would definitely recommend the flight instructor route. It looks the best on a resume and you can build time pretty quick (I am averaging around 20 hours a week).

Fun fact: I was a firefighter for 7 years before becoming a helicopter pilot

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