NORTH COUNTRY HELI FLIGHT

ACS-aligned study bundle for
Helicopter & Airplane pilots

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How to use this bundle

This bundle is seven printable PDFs that carry a student from first lesson to checkride. Use them in any order: students preparing for a single checkride should start with the Syllabus, then drill the Question Bank and Flashcards, and finish with the Checkride Day Checklist.

What's in the bundle

00 · Welcome & How to Use. This file.

01 · Syllabus & Lesson Plans. Stage-by-stage syllabus for both helicopter and airplane, every certificate level. Each lesson links to the corresponding ACS task and FAR/AIM references.

02 · Written Test Question Bank. 660 multiple-choice questions across all six certificate levels and both modes, with answer key and reasoning notes.

03 · Oral Exam Flashcards. 162 Q&A flashcards organized by level — ideal for partner-driven oral prep.

04 · Checkride Day Checklist. DPE plan-of-action style checklist for every level, with required documents, aircraft endorsements, and oral exam topic outline.

05 · Acronyms Cheat Sheet. 82 acronym categories — every memory aid you'll be asked to recite on a checkride.

06 · NTSB Study Library. Curated NTSB accident categories with the lesson, the relevant ACS task, and a search query into the live NTSB CAROL database.

Suggested 8-week study plan

Week 1–2. Read the Syllabus end-to-end for your target rating. Note any topic that surprises you — those are your gap areas.

Week 3–4. Drill the Question Bank one level at a time. Take 10-question sets, target 80%+ before moving on.

Week 5. Switch to oral-exam mode: study the Flashcards aloud with a partner.

Week 6. Cross-reference NTSB Study Library — pick three accident categories closest to the maneuvers in your ACS and read the cited reports.

Week 7. Memorize the Acronyms Cheat Sheet. The DPE will ask for several of these by name.

Week 8. Run the Checkride Day Checklist as a mock. Time yourself on the oral, fly the maneuvers profile.

Free ground school (online)

North Country Heli Flight runs a free online ground school covering the same ground as these PDFs, with a new video lesson every week, at groundschool.flyheliadk.com. To fly the maneuvers in this bundle with an instructor, we train year-round in a Robinson R-44 II at Harris Airport (83K) in Fort Ann, New York. Details at flyheliadk.com.

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