# **The Teaching Process**

## Objective

To ensure the applicant learns the elements and techniques involved in The Teaching Process.

#### Purpose

The primary job of every flight instructor is teaching. This lesson introduces aspiring CFIs to the elements of the teaching process and provides tools that can be used to deliver effective lessons.



Schedule	Equipment
<ul> <li>Ground Lesson: 25 minutes</li> <li>Student Q&amp;A: 10 minutes</li> </ul>	Whiteboard / Markers (optional)
Student Actions	Instructor Actions
<ul> <li>Ask any questions, receive study material for the next lesson.</li> <li>Watch linked video.</li> <li>Review listed references.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Deliver the ground lesson (below).</li> <li>Answer student questions.</li> </ul>
Completion Standards	
<ul> <li>Student can explain the following concepts:</li> <li>Performance and Decision-Based Objectives</li> <li>Organization of a Lesson, Content</li> <li>Training Delivery Methods</li> <li>Demonstration and Performance Method</li> <li>Problem-Based Learning</li> <li>Instructional Aids</li> </ul>	

#### References

- FLY8MA.com Flight Training "CFI ORAL EXAM: Part 1 | FOI"
  - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lxiQeh0FFI
- FAA-H-8083-9A (Aviation Instructor's Handbook) Chapter 4 [The Teaching Process]
- FAA-S-8081-6D (CFI PTS) Area I Task C

#### **Ground Lesson Outline**

- Preparation of a Lesson
  - Performance-Based Objectives
    - Description, Conditions, Criteria
  - Decision-Based Objectives
    - Critical thinking skills, higher level of learning
  - Standards
    - What specific items or skills do you want the student to learn or understand/perform
  - Organization of Material
    - Introduction
      - Attention, Motivation, Overview
      - Development Main Body of Lesson
        - Past to Present, Simple to Complex, Known to Unknown, Frequently Used to Infrequently Used
- Training delivery methods
  - Lecture Method
    - General understanding, efficient use of time, teaching lecture allows student participation
    - Preparing Establish objectives, Research, Organize, Plan Classroom Activity
    - Delivery Read from script, Recite from memory, Extemporaneously from Outline, No Preparation
  - Discussion Method
    - Short intro lecture followed by instructor-student and student-student questions
  - Guided Discussion Method
    - Same as above but relies on students possessing some level of knowledge
    - Relies on skillful use of questions by instructor
      - Lead off question, Follow up questions, Rhetorical questions, Direct/Reverse/Relay questions
  - Computer-Assisted Learning Method
    - Simulation, Role-playing, Video Games
  - Demonstration-Performance Method
    - Explanation, Instructor Demonstration, Student Performance, Instructor Supervision, Evaluation
    - Best use for skills requiring practice
  - Drill and Practice Method
    - Promotes learning through repetition
- Problem Based Learning
  - Real-world situations
  - Methods Scenario-Based Training, Collaborative Problem Solving, Case Study
  - Promotes deeper student understanding
- Instruction Aids and Training Technologies
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Aids Devices that assist instructor  $\;$
  - Training Media Physical means; Photos, Videos, Models, etc.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Should covery key points and concepts, do not use as a crutch
  - Examples Whiteboard+Markers, Printed Materials, Enhanced Training Materials (app, video, etc)

## Ground Lesson Content

- Preparation of a Lesson
  - Performance-Based Objectives
    - Description Concrete description of the skill or behavior desired
    - **Conditions** The framework under which the skill or behavior is to be demonstrated, i.e. in flight, etc.
    - **Criteria** The standards used to measure whether the objective was accomplished



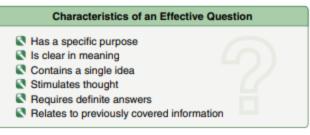
- Decision-Based Objectives Objectives that ask the student to make a decision
  - Critical thinking skills Useful for teaching difficult concepts like Aeronautical Decision Making
  - Higher level of learning Promotes learning at a higher level
- **Standards** What specific items or skills do you want the student to learn or understand/perform

### • Organization of Material

- Introduction
  - Attention Get the listener or reader's attention
  - Motivation Tell them why they should care
  - Overview Give a broad overview of the topic
- **Development -** Main Body of Lesson
  - Past to Present
  - Simple to Complex Introduce simpler concepts before progressing to complex ones
  - **Known to Unknown** Build on what the student already knows
  - Frequently Used to Infrequently Used Start with the most important information
- Training delivery methods
  - $\circ \quad \text{Lecture Method} \quad$



- Useful for providing a general understanding
- Efficient use of time
- Teaching lecture allows student participation
- Preparing Lectures should be prepared
  - Establish objectives What do we want the student(s) to learn?
  - **Research** Research the subject and gather the material to be presented
  - **Organize** Order the material in a logical fashion (e.g. known to unknown, etc)
  - **Plan Classroom Activity** Plan the outline of the material and how it will be presented
- Delivery
  - Read from script Not very engaging
  - Recite from memory Difficult to perform, also relatively inflexible
  - Extemporaneously from Outline Flexible, engaging, can read audience
  - No Preparation Difficult to do well without a lot of practice
- Discussion Method
  - Short intro lecture followed by instructor-student and student-student questions
- Guided Discussion Method
  - Same as above but relies on students possessing some level of knowledge
  - Relies on skillful use of questions by instructor
    - Types of Questions
      - Lead off question Questions which start a discussion
      - **Follow up questions** Questions which continue a discussion
      - Rhetorical questions Not directed at anyone in particular
      - **Direct questions** Directed at a specific individual
      - Reverse questions Redirect question back to the student, promote more thinking
      - Relay questions Redirect one student question to be answered by a different student
      - Effective Questions Good questions are purposeful, clear, contain a single idea, stimulate thought, require definite answers, and relates to the information already covered

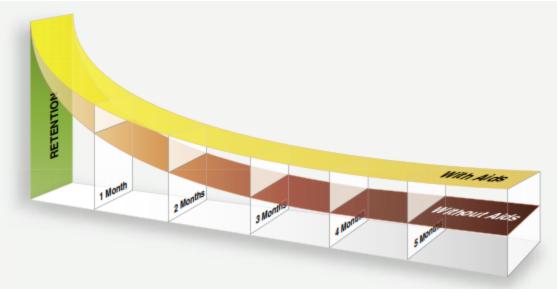


- Computer-Assisted Learning Method
  - **Simulation** Flight simulators, etc.

- Role-playing
- Video Games
- **Demonstration-Performance Method** Students hear an explanation, observe the task, then try to repeat it
  - Steps
    - **Explanation** Can be done as a pre-flight lesson or briefly recapped before maneuver
    - Instructor Demonstration Instructor performs the task
    - Student Performance Student attempts to perform the task
    - Instructor Supervision Instructor watches carefully
    - Evaluation Instructor provides feedback right away

Demonstration Performance Method		
<ul> <li>Explanation</li> <li>Demonstration</li> <li>Student Performance</li> <li>Instructor Supervision</li> <li>Evaluation</li> </ul>		

- Best use for skills requiring practice
- Drill and Practice Method Perform skills over and over until automatic
  - Promotes learning through repetition
- Problem Based Learning
  - Real-world situations More relatable
  - Methods
    - Scenario-Based Training Construct realistic scenarios and prompt students to make decisions and apply knowledge from several areas
    - Collaborative Problem Solving Groups work together on a problem to exchange ideas
    - Case Study Evaluate a description of real events and critique the decisions made by the real participants, should relate to a message that the instructor wants to convey
  - Promotes deeper student understanding
- Instruction Aids and Training Technologies Any physical or visual aids used to help convey a lesson



• Aids - Devices that assist instructor

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