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## Flight Instructor Teaching Students in More Effective Way

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One flight instructor in Clinton County claims he is teaching students in a way that gets them a pilot's license in a more efficient way.

Paul Shuch is a retired professor turned flight instructor at the Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven. He got his prop-plane ready for flight at the hangar. Something he's been teaching prospective pilots how to do for about a year now. His flight school offers sport pilot licenses and if they choose, students can continue on and get a private pilot license.

"Sport pilot license allows anyone who can drive a car to be a licensed pilot in about half the time and half the cost of a private license," said Shuch.

Jason Brown is one of Shuch's students and has a sport pilot's license which limits him to flying two-seat planes during daylight and only under good weather conditions. Brown is in the process of getting a private license.

"I have a wife and 3 kids. We need more than 2 seats. I have ambitions of taking family on trips to various places," said Brown.

Paul Shuch has been giving flight lessons for decades now and said with the advent of the sports pilot license, it's much easier now for people to start out with that license and move onto a private pilots license and do a lot more in the skies.

"Everything a student pilot learns at Avsport applies directly toward the private pilot license," said Shuch.

While it will still take the same number of flying hours to get his private pilot's license going through a sport pilot's course already has Jason Brown closer to his goal of a private license.

"You can fly recreationally, and all that flying counts toward getting a private pilot license," said Brown.

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