

NAFI 2026 - From Certification to Confidence - Building CFIs Ready to Teach

Initial flight instructor certification validates knowledge and flight proficiency but does not always ensure the development of practical teaching effectiveness of candidates. As a result, many new CFIs enter the trade technically prepared, yet under-equipped to teach, adapt, and respond to a student's needs in real time. When developing instructor candidates, maximizing the value of every training opportunity is critical. Drawing from experience teaching aviation pedagogy and mentoring flight instructor candidates at Eastern Michigan University, this session focuses not just on flight training itself, but on improving how instructors are trained to deliver it. Using proven methods and practical techniques to develop instructor candidates, attendees will learn how to convert foundational knowledge, including FOI, into observable, effective teaching behaviors in new flight instructor applicants.

Event Details

Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 10:00 CDT
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