

LUIS AARON MENDOZA

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FAA Commercial ASEL / CFI / CFII • FAA First-Class Medical • US Citizen

FLIGHT TIME

Total: 500 (*as of Oct 2026*)

CERTIFICATES & RATINGS

- Commercial Pilot – Airplane Single Engine Land, Instrument Airplane
- Flight Instructor – Airplane Single Engine, Instrument Airplane
- FAA First-Class Medical – issued 03/2023
- FCC Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit

EXPERIENCE

US Aviation Academy, New Braunfels, TX | *Flight Instructor (CFI/CFII)* | Dec 2025 – Present

- Provide Part 141 Private Pilot and Instrument Rating instruction in Cessna 172s for U.S. Air Force cadets in an accelerated 8-week program
- Instruct Texas State University aviation students

Southwest Airlines Destination 225°, Denton, TX | *Pilot Pathway Cadet* | Aug 2023 – Nov 2025

- Completed CFI and CFII training in a Part 141 environment emphasizing safety, CRM, IFR procedures, and cross-country operations

Southwest Airlines, Midland, TX | *Ramp Agent* | Oct 2021 – Aug 2023

- Coordinated ground operations for a Part 121 airline, ensuring safety compliance and on-time performance

United Ground Express, Odessa/Midland, TX | *Ramp Agent* | Dec 2019 – Oct 2021

- Performed marshalling, towing, and baggage handling for regional airline operations

AIRCRAFT & AVIONICS

Cessna 152, Cessna 172, Tecnam; Garmin GNS 430/650, G3X, dual G5, Avidyne IFD, six-pack

EDUCATION

- **B.S. Aviation Science – Professional Pilot (Minor: Communications)**, Texas A&M University–Central Texas | *In Progress*
- **A.A.S. Computer & Networking Technology**, Odessa College | May 2023

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

- Southwest Airlines Destination 225° Selectee (2023)
- AOPA Member