

On April 21, 2016 I took a flight lesson with Ron McCormick when our plane went down around 4:45 PM. We took off from runway 18 heading south into the wind, the ceiling had some dark clouds but it wasn't overcast, it was more broken. As we took off, a storm cell to our west was heading towards us; it looked fairly innocent before the takeoff; however, as we began climbing into the traffic pattern it started to look more serious. By the time we had turned downwind in the traffic pattern we were getting hit with rain, and as we were going downwind the weather was looking more and more severe. When we were approximately parallel with the end of the runway we saw a plane that had been going in for a landing do a go-around. This is when Ron said that he thought the conditions would be good enough to land where we would do a full-stop and wait out the weather. As I began to turn base the storm cell hit us with full force and the rain became very severe which greatly reduced visibility and the winds became very rough. At this point I stated that I wasn't comfortable flying the aircraft and Ron took control. By the time we had turned final and we on approach to landing the visibility was very minimal; we were swaying heavily over the runway and both of us had a hard time seeing the runway. Ron said that we would go-around and head east to get out of the weather. He put in power to climb and we began to do so at first but eventually we had started to bank left. We had no visibility of the ground and were flying completely by instruments; after about thirty seconds to a minute of these conditions I briefly saw the ground out of the corner of my left eye and started to say "pull up" as we crashed into the ground.