

# Instructor Development: Certified Level II

PSIA-AASI

## Level II Instructor Development

Congratulations on achieving your Level 1 certification! Now it's time to increase your service and understanding to a new benchmark. Achieving LII certification will require a much deeper dive into teaching, people and technical fundamentals, and their application in more difficult conditions and terrain and providing in depth teaching to your students. Level II instructors contribute to the professional environment and adapt their behavior to a group as a whole. They have a refined understanding of people skills and utilize the teaching cycle to set goals and reassess the skills required through strong communication skills & managing emotions & motivations. A Level II instructor adjusts and adapts the Technical Fundamentals to demonstrate specific outcomes in beginner, intermediate, and some advanced terrain. They use current PSIA-AASI resources to describe ideal performances, using two or more Fundamentals and consider tactics and equipment choices. They articulate accurate cause-and-effect relationships through all phases of the turn, resulting in an effective prescription for change for skiers & riders through the intermediate zone.

This level of certification may take longer to acquire and may not happen in a single season. The Level II certification gives you the ability to teach up through a consistent blue class in a proficient manner. Your demonstrations and intricate understanding of how to do what you are doing is important. And even more so, your ability to assess and communicate efficiently to your student is a higher expectation. Take your time to develop understanding in preparation for assessment.

## Expectations and Goals

- A commitment to education and training with self-ownership of your progress.
  - While the school will provide training to be successful on the job and encourage further educational development, it is up to the individual to spend adequate time outside of organized training to deepen their understanding of our sport.
  - Dedicated individuals utilize the resources available and study on their own to enhance their application during in person training sessions.
- Training for your Assessment should be deliberate and focused. New movement patterns and application of knowledge needs consistent use and evaluation for ownership. Apply what you know about learning to your own development.
- Establish a time line for your training:
  - Assess and Identify your own needs for success. (Part or Whole Assessment Focus)
  - Orient yourself with certification requirements and education event calendar.
  - Create a Training Plan with your Mentor or Trainer grounded in your goals.
  - Choose the best method for assessment completion in the 3 part assessment process.
  - Sign up to the agreed assessment segment/s. Accountability to yourself and commitment to your training plan is often better if there is a deadline.

## Course Materials

- *PSIA-AASI Membership*
- PSIA-AASI [Certification Standards - PSIA-AASI \(thesnowpros.org\)](https://thesnowpros.org) and Performance Guides
- PSIA Intermountain Assessment Guide for Level II (Alpine or Snowboard)
- PSIA-AASI Manuals & Online Resources: [PSIA-AASI LMS \(thesnowpros.org\)](https://thesnowpros.org)

## Required Text

PSIA-AASI Teaching Manual, Digital or Print, Digital FREE with Membership

PSIA-AASI Technical Manual, Digital or Print, Digital FREE with Membership Alpine or Snowboard

PSIA-AASI E Learning Level II Professional Knowledge Exam

PSIA-AASI [The Matrix \(thesnowpros.org\)](http://thesnowpros.org) Video Bank for Demonstrations, Lectures, Etc.

Optional: Other PSIA-AASI Publications: Adult Teaching Handbook, Children's Specialist, Etc.

## PCSSBS In House Course Suggestions:

Education Clinics	Location	Assessment Prep Clinics	Location
Teaching Skills 201	On Snow	L2 Teach Practicum	On Snow
Movement Analysis 201	Indoor/On Snow	MA Real Time On Snow	On Snow
Blending Technical Fundamentals	Indoor/On Snow	Technical Exam Practice	On Snow
People Skills 201	On Snow	L2 Activity Guide & Skills Development (Tasks)	On Snow
Video Ski/Ride Improvement	Indoor/On Snow		
People: A is for Affective	On Snow		
Technical Intro to Off Piste Skills	On Snow	Education Clinics	Location
Versatility for the Intermediate	On Snow	E.I For Instructors (Awareness & Management)	Indoor/On Snow
Tech: Describing Movements	Indoor/On Snow	Any/All CS Clinics	

## PSIA-AASI Exam Schedule:

Check Event Listings	<a href="http://www.psia-i.org">www.psia-i.org</a>
Book Your Assessment	*Check completion of Pre-requisite Components
Submit Day Off Request	<a href="http://Parkcityssbs.com">Parkcityssbs.com</a> for Approval (Not Guaranteed)

## Additional Information and Resources

Instructor Development Section of [ParkcitySSBS.com](http://ParkcitySSBS.com)

Other PCSSBS In House Clinics and Training

Attending PSIA-AASI Education and Assessment Prep Clinics

Peer Study Groups and Ski/Ride Dates (Self Directed or School Directed)

Daily Lesson Assignments

- Use what you learn with your guests and evaluate success of lessons.
- Practice your demonstrations EVERY turn and with precision.