

# Instructor Development: Certified Level III

PSIA-AASI

## Level III Instructor Development

Congratulations on achieving your Level II certification! The pathway to Level III will continue to challenge you and further deepen your intrigue, skills, and understanding. Level III will require continued focus and engagement in your own development and confidence in the peer to peer space. Sharing knowledge and training together with likeminded individuals can often spur new creativity and thought provoking ideas. Level III instructors actively promote a professional environment and develop deeper awareness about how their decisions affect the group. Instructors at this level anticipate challenges and adapt their own style of interaction to individuals. They demonstrate strong self-awareness and mastery of the teaching fundamentals. They customize an engaging learning experience in the advanced zone. Level III instructors make proactive adjustments to learning experiences & foster learning by helping students interpret their changes in performance, develop new understanding, and apply what they've learned. A Level III instructor adjusts and adapts the Technical Fundamentals to demonstrate any specific skiing/riding or ski/board performance outcome through the advanced zone.

This level of certification typically requires multiple years of continued education and development. Level III instructors are able to teach all lessons and all abilities at the resort with individual guests or large groups, and provide a superior product. Demonstrations should be consistently performed at the highest level & guest service and expertise must shine through in all guest interactions. Challenge your comfort zone in teaching, people, and technical skills knowledge 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.
- Training for your Assessment should be deliberate and focused, proactive towards strengths and building weaknesses. Self-seeking in training and knowledge development to go beyond the minimum standard will lead to success.
- 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-AASI Intermountain Assessment Guide for Level III (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 III 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.

Optional: Other publications of modern technique, podcasts, or other relevant material

## PCSSBS In House Course Suggestions:

Education Clinics	Location	Assessment Prep Clinics	Location
Teaching Skills 301	On Snow	L3 Teach Practicum	On Snow
Movement Analysis 301	Indoor/On Snow	MA Real Time On Snow	On Snow
Optimizing Tech Fundamentals	Indoor/On Snow	Technical Exam Practice	On Snow
Technical Moguls & Terrain Versatility	On Snow	L3 Activity Guide & Skills Development (Tasks)	On Snow
Video Ski/Ride Improvement	Indoor/On Snow		
Body Mechanics & Tool Performance	On Snow		
People Skills 301	On Snow		
Tactics and Steeps	On Snow		
Any/All CS or FS Clinics	Indoor/On Snow		

## 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	Parkcityssbs.com for Approval (Not Guaranteed)

## Additional Information and Resources

Instructor Development Section of 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.