

ALPINE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION PATHWAY

Prerequisites: Must be a certified Level 1 instructor and current with membership dues.

Participants must read the Level 2 Certification Study Guide, and the National Alpine Level 2 Study Guide.

Throughout both the Ski and Teach Exams your examiner will provide feedback on where your performance stands in comparison to the National Standard. If you have a concern that your level of skillfulness will not meet the National Standard, then an exam is not a beneficial format for improvement. Although feedback can highlight specific skill set shortfalls, feedback will not provide the comprehensive coaching needed to gain a National Standard level of skillfulness.

The role of the Prep Course is to illuminate the National Standard requirements, provide constructive feedback on your performance, and help you build a training plan for skill development where there are shortfalls. The Prep Course is a low stress, educational environment. Current national pass-rate statistics support the value a Prep Course can provide prior to an Exam. Most PSIA/AASI divisions require Prep Courses, however, in PSIA/AASI-W, taking a Prep Course prior to the exam is strongly recommended.

SIMPLE SUMMARY:

Candidates must have passed the Alpine Level 1 Exam at least one year prior to taking the Level 2 Ski Module. They must also pass the Level 2 Ski Module and the Level 2 Online Exam to be eligible to register for the Level 2 Teaching Module.

PREPS:

Prep courses are offered throughout the season, please visit the website for a complete listing of options and descriptions.

SKI EXAM PORTION:

The 2-day, Level 2 Ski Exam includes a skiing assessment & feedback from the examiner on how your performance stands in comparison to the National Standards.

ONLINE EXAM:

After successfully passing the Alpine Ski Exam you will be sent a link to take the Online Exam. You will have 50 minutes to complete 50 multiple choice questions. You have 3 attempts to score 70% or higher to be successful. If you are unsuccessful at all 3 attempts, you will need to contact the Truckee office at info@psia-w.org or 530 587 7642. Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase education materials to prepare for the online exam. The NEW PSIA Alpine Technical Manual, 2014 and the Core Concepts for Snowsport Instructors are highly recommended. There are also several handbooks that contain teaching progressions and children specific manuals available on the National website www.thesnowpros.org.

TEACHING EXAM PORTION:

The 2-day, Level 2 Teach Exam includes a teaching assessment, feedback, and coaching from the examiner to meet the National Standards. Candidates will be evaluated on their use of the Teaching model, ability to communicate, demonstrations, use of methodology “tools”, tasks, drills, exercises, and overall instructor presence. Candidates will be asked to teach adults and children ATS levels 1-9. Scoring for this event is pass or fail. Essential elements of all teaching demonstrations must appear regularly at a satisfactory level to pass.