Welcome to the Professional Ski Instructors of America! The Alpine Level 1 Assessment is the first step in your exciting career as a ski instructor.

If you’re new to PSIA/AASI, make sure to check out our New Member Guide; there’s lots of great information to help you start your career as a ski instructor!

In order to achieve this Level 1 Certification, you will need to complete these tasks:

Requirements

- Become a registered member of PSIA and PSIA-I with current dues paid.
- Successfully complete PSIA Alpine Level E-Learning Course
- Understand the PSIA National Certification Standards PSIA National Standards 2014
- At least two weeks prior to this event, register and pay for the event
- Attend your choice of level 1 certification event. It is a two-day assessment; attendance is required both days.

Recommendations

- Complete 25 hours of on-snow teaching, coaching, or training. Most people do this through their employment with one of our member schools.
- Complete the PSIA-I Level 1 Workbook
- Familiarize yourself with the PSIA Alpine Technical Manual
- Familiarize yourself with the PSIA Teaching Snowsports Manual

Overview

While this is an assessment, coaching will be provided. This is unique to the level 1 assessment. During the two days, your Clinic Leader/Examiner will help you to understand the skiing and teaching requirements defined by the PSIA National Certification Standards.

Day 1:
- 8:45am: Arrive at the designated on-snow location for your group ready to ski.
• 9:00am-1:00pm: On-snow task skiing with coaching and assessment.
• 2:00pm-4:00pm: Candidates will watch the level 1 student video for their assigned skier and complete the worksheet, on their own away from the resort. They will retain a copy of their worksheet on paper or electronically for use on day two. A link to access the video and worksheet will be emailed from the office prior to the event.
Day 2:
- 8:45am: Arrive at the designated on-snow location for your group ready to ski.
- 9:00-10:30am: Candidates will work in assigned groups of 2-3 people. Using their skier worksheets, to make a joint lesson plan. This process will take place on snow using 2-3 runs to work-out their plan. The group leader will check-in with the groups and give any needed direction or clarification.
- 10:30am-12:30pm: Groups will present their teaching plan followed by a group discussion for clarification and learning.
- 12:30-3:00pm: Follow-up and feedback or coaching on the teaching presentations or skiing tasks.

*Maximum 8 Candidates
*Attendance both days is required
*Any breaks will be determined by the groups needs in accordance with resort policies
*Results delivered by email the same day