

# Adaptive Instructor Certification

## SUMMARY OF PATHWAY TO CERTIFICATION

Take Welcome to Adaptive or  
Ski or Ride Improvement or  
Teach and Technical Improvement event  
**(Optional)**



Pass two-day Level 1 exam in any ONE Adaptive Discipline. Exam will cover teaching and technical through the beginner/novice zones and personal skiing/riding to intermediate level.

**Become Adaptive LI Certified**



Pass Adaptive LII one-day Ski or Ride exam  
-OR-  
Pass Alpine or Snowboard Ski or Ride portion of LII exam  
-AND-  
Pass 3 Adaptive Level II Teach & Technical Modules.  
Exam will cover teaching and technical through the intermediate zones.

**Become Adaptive LII Certified**



Pass Adaptive LIII two-day Ski or Ride exam  
-Or-  
Pass Alpine or Snowboard Ski or Ride portion of LIII exam  
-AND-  
Pass three-day Adaptive LIII Teach & Technical Exam

**Become Adaptive LIII Certified**



**APPLY TO ADAPTIVE EDUCATION STAFF**  
Resort Trainer, Division Educator, Division Examiner

# ADAPTIVE CERTIFICATION

## PSIA/AASI WESTERN

### **ADAPTIVE DISCIPLINES:**

#### **Ski:**

- Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities
- Vision Impairments
- Bi-Ski
- Mono-Ski
- 3 Track
- 4 Track

#### **Snowboard:**

- Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities
- Vision Impairments
- Bi-Ski
- Mono-Ski
- Stand-Up

### **National Adaptive Standard:**

PSIA/AASI Western recognizes the National Adaptive Standards as the minimum standards for all levels of Adaptive Certification.

- **PSIA Adaptive Alpine Certification Standards (PDF):**  
<http://www.thesnowpros.org/Portals/0/Documents/National%20Standard/PSIA%20Adaptive%20Alpine%20Standards%20Final%206.4.14.pdf?ver=2016-09-06-113327-623>
  - **Adaptive Alpine Exam Supplement:**  
<http://www.thesnowpros.org/Portals/0/Documents/National%20Standard/PSIA%20Adaptive%20Alpine%20Exam%20Supplement%20Final%206.4.14.pdf?ver=2016-09-06-113404-923>
- **AASI Adaptive Snowboard Certification Standards (PDF):**  
<http://www.thesnowpros.org/Portals/0/Documents/National%20Standard/AASI%20Adaptive%20Snowboard%20Standards%20Final%206.4.14.pdf?ver=2016-09-06-113444-723>
  - **Adaptive Snowboard Exam Supplement:**  
<http://www.thesnowpros.org/Portals/0/Documents/National%20Standard/AASI%20Adaptive%20Snowboard%20Exam%20Supplement%20Final%206.4.14.pdf?ver=2016-09-06-113531-040>

**LEVEL 1 EXAM:** Standards include basic knowledge and teaching through the beginner/novice zone (level 4 ski or level 3 snowboard) in **ONE ADAPTIVE DISCIPLINE** (see above).

- Pass online level 1 test (ATS and discipline specific)
- Pass two-day Level 1 exam covering Teaching & Technical and either skiing/riding to intermediate level (Basic Parallel for skiing, Linked Skidded Turns for snowboarding).
- Equipment riding requirement tested during Teach/Technical:
  - Mono ski - load and unload with assistance and demo beginner turns on easiest green terrain
  - Bi ski – with full assist loads, demo edge priority turns on easiest green terrain
  - 3-Track / 4-Track Skiing - Ski equipment to beginning level on easiest green terrain
  - Stand-Up Snowboarding - Proficient outrigger use to the beginner level on easiest green terrain

**LEVEL 2 EXAM:** Standards include basic knowledge and teaching through the intermediate zone (level 6 ski or level 5 snowboard) in **ALL ADAPTIVE DISCIPLINES** within the ski or snowboard certification (see below).

- Pass online level 2 test (ATS and module specific)
- Pass a one-day, Level 2 Adaptive skiing or riding exam -OR- previously passed the Level 2 Alpine or Snowboard exam.
- Pass all three one-day exams covering Teaching & Technical. The three days are broken down into modules as follows:
  - Skiing:
    - Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities and Vision Impairments
    - Mono-Ski and Bi-Ski
    - 3-track and 4-track
  - Snowboarding:
    - Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities and Vision Impairments
    - Mono and Bi-Ski
    - Stand-Up

**(Note: Modules may be taken in any order but disciplines must remain grouped in modules as indicated above. Modules do not have to be taken in one season. Candidates may do one or more modules in a year.)**

- Equipment riding requirement tested during Teach/Technical modules:
  - Mono-ski - load & unload independently and ride equipment linking multiple turns on green terrain.
  - Bi-Ski – load and unload with minimal assistance and ride equipment linking

multiple turns on green/easy blue terrain demonstrating both edge prioritized and rotary prioritized turns.

- 3-Track / 4-Track Skiing - Ski equipment to the intermediate level on groomed blue terrain.
- Stand-Up Snowboarding - Proficient outrigger use to the intermediate level on groomed blue terrain.

**LEVEL 3 EXAM:** Standards include basic knowledge and teaching through the advanced zone (intro to race, pipe & park, all terrain) in **ALL ADAPTIVE DISCIPLINES** (see above).

- Pass online level 3 test
- Pass a two-day, Level 3 Adaptive skiing or riding exam -OR- previously passed the Level 3 Alpine or Snowboard exam.
- Pass three-day exam covering Teaching & Technical for all disciplines. All three days must be taken in the same season. Candidates must pass all disciplines to pass certification.
- Equipment riding requirement tested during Teach/Technical Exam:
  - Mono-Ski - load & unload independently link turns on intermediate, groomed blue terrain
  - Bi-Ski - load & unload independently link turns on intermediate, groomed blue terrain
  - 3-Track / 4-Track Skiing - Ski equipment to the advance level on black terrain.
  - Stand-Up Snowboarding- Proficient outrigger use to the advanced level on black terrain