



# SKI INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PATHWAY

Version 3.1

At CADS, we believe in empowering our volunteers through comprehensive certification programs. Our approach ensures that every competency is touched upon, providing instructors with the tools they need to offer value at each skill level. Our programs are designed to develop a rich set of instructional skills in each member, progressing at a pace that aligns with their lifestyle and level of involvement.

## Prerequisites for all levels

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1. CADS Membership
2. CADS Teaching Methodology
3. NCCP Safe Sport Training
4. Countdown eLearning Module



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### CADS Level 1 Instructor



The CADS Ski Level 1 complete certification is for candidates interested in learning how to teach students and to learn tools and skills to safely and competently teach skiing to students of all abilities at a beginner level on learning terrain.

You can take this course as a complete package (all four modules) or as individual modules.

- Level 1 Neurodiverse Module
- Level 1 Sitski Module
- Level 1 VI Module
- Level 1 3-track and 4-track Module



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### CADS Level 2 Instructor



The CADS Ski Level 2 complete certification is for instructors interested in improving their knowledge and skills to students across all five disciplines. Candidates will learn how to teach students of all abilities at a beginner to intermediate level on beginner level terrain.

You can take this course as a complete package (all four modules) or as individual modules.

- Level 2 Neurodiverse Module
- Level 2 Sitski Module
- Level 2 VI Module
- Level 2 3-track and 4-track Module

#### Additional Prerequisites for CADS Level 2

1. Deliver ample adaptive lessons (e.g., 20 hours) in each discipline as lead instructor
2. Personal Ski Skills Evaluation



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### CADS Level 3 Instructor



The CADS Ski Level 3 certification is for candidates interested in learning how to teach students across four disciplines VI, Sitski, 3-track and 4-track. Candidates must demonstrate an intermediate level of skiing ability and how to teach a lesson to a variety of students at an intermediate to advanced level on intermediate terrain.

#### Additional Prerequisites for CADS Level 3

1. Deliver 20 hours of CADS lessons as lead instructor
2. Personal Ski Skills Evaluation



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### Level 1 Course Conductor

The CADS Ski Level 1 Course Conductor certification is an entry-level requirement for training and evaluating candidates for their Ski Level 1 certifications. This is for Ski Level 3 instructors who are ready to expand their skill sets and learn how to train and evaluate candidates using various pedagogical principles including experiential learning.

#### Additional Prerequisites for Level 1 Course Conductor

1. Be a current CADS Level 3 instructor
2. Personal Ski Skills Evaluation

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### Level 2 Course Conductor

The CADS Ski Level 2 Course Conductor certification is the final level for training and evaluating candidates for CADS Ski Level 1 and Ski Level 2 certifications.

#### Additional Prerequisites for Level 2 Course Conductor

1. Be a current CADS Level 1 Course Conductor
2. Deliver two (2) Full CADS Level 1 courses as the lead instructor
3. Personal Ski Skills Evaluation



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### CADS Level 4 Instructor



The CADS Ski Level 4 certification involves a rigorous program of evaluation. The role of a Level 4 is to train and to evaluate instructors at most levels including CADS Level 3 and Course Conductors, and to work closely with the CADS Technical Committee to advise on technical matters.

Level 4 Instructors can teach a lesson to a variety of students from intermediate to advanced level on intermediate to expert terrain.

#### Additional Prerequisites for Level 4

1. Be a current CADS Level 2 Course Conductor
2. Deliver 3 CADS Level 1 Course (complete) and 1 CADS Level 2 (complete) as the lead instructor
3. Personal Ski Skills Evaluation
4. Hold a current CSIA or PSIC Level 2 and working or training towards a Level 3

## Trail ratings overview



Learning Terrain



Beginner Terrain



Intermediate Terrain



Expert Terrain