



Level 2 Professional Ski Instructor Conversion Course

Introduction:

Welcome to the Professional Ski Instructors of Europe Level 2 Conversion Course! As you are already a L2 member of another organization this next step will be an exceptionally fun and adventurous on hill training coupled with a comprehensive e-learning package that will build on the knowledge and experience that you already have.

Purpose:

The PSIE Level 2 Conversion Course is designed to build versatility in your skiing and teaching. You'll extend your skills beyond the prescriptive progression steps and into a deeper understanding of how skiing works in environments ranging from groomed blue and red runs to varied terrain. This course will also cover the science of learning enabling you to improve the effectiveness of your teaching and make better informed decisions.

The following information provides an overview of the PSIE Level 2 Professional Instructor Certification. This conversion course condenses that information into 2-days on snow training and evaluation.

Learning Outcomes:

Learning outcomes are based on the PSIE's Adventure Philosophy — creating Fun, Safe, Learning experiences from novice skiers on green runs through to developing versatility allowing you safe adventures in moderate on-piste and off-piste conditions. At the Level 2, the components of the Adventure remain separately defined with specific items associated with each aspect.

FUN

- Engage actively with Peers, Trainer and course activities
- Identify Challenge Zone for creating engaging learning activities
- Prioritize “mileage” and terrain play in teaching approach
- Recognize milestones in teaching approach



SAFE

- Apply safe class management strategies in teaching practice
- Choose terrain appropriate to students and the lesson situation
- Apply strategies to ensure psychological and emotional safety
- Apply teaching activities within the appropriate challenge zone for students

LEARNING — Teaching

- Identify components of Technical Blueprint
- Identify components of The Method
- Use Adventure Builder concept and components

LEARNING — Skiing

Parallel Skiing — Versatility

- Short Turn Versatility
 - Short turns — Steered
 - Ability to maintain speed and consistent turn shape on blue groomed terrain
 - Turn shape requires some deflection of mass
 - Short turns — Drifted in, Steered out
 - Ability to manage speed and turn shape on blue terrain
 - Turn shape requires some deflection of mass
- Medium Turn Versatility
 - Medium turns — Steered
 - Ability to maintain medium speed in a round turn on blue terrain
 - Medium turns — Drifted in, Steered out
 - Ability to start turn in drifted and blend to steered performance managing speed and turn shape on blue terrain
- Off-Piste — Your Best Skiing
 - Ability to control and choose speed, path, and turn shape in moderate unprepared terrain and easy bumps
- Carving
 - Ability to carve cleanly on easy groomed terrain leaving tracks in the snow



Assessment and Evaluation:

- Evaluation is derived through ongoing assessment of the learning outcomes throughout the 2-days. There is no single, summative, final exam. For this reason, your engagement and participation throughout the course is important.
- Evaluation is provided based on “exceeds expectations”, “meets expectations” and “development required” in relation to the learning outcomes.
- These results are provided at the conclusion of the course before departure from the ski resort at which the course takes place.
- Opportunities for one-on-one check-ins will be available during the 2-days to ensure learning outcomes are understood and increased focus is applied where necessary. The goal is to help you where you need help.
- Completion of the online e-Learning modules and participation in all of the on-snow portions are required to complete the conversion course and achieve the PSIE Level 2 Certification.
- All participants receive a written development plan following the 2-day course to help provide guidance on next steps for ongoing development.

Course Structure:

The Level 2 Conversion Course comprises online e-learning and on-snow components. The on-snow training is 2-days duration condensing the normal 6-day L2 program of 6-days with a balance of Skiing Skills and Teaching Skills development.

Online e-learning component:

Online, self-guided e-Learning modules will precede the on-snow portion and will be sent to you following registration. As you are entering the system from other organisations these modules expose you to the foundational concepts of the PSIE.

Modules include:

- PSIE Introduction - It's all in the Adventure
- Building Connections - with the sport, people, places and experiences
- Adventures for Young Skiers - getting things started!
- Safe teaching - understanding common risks and how to limit and manage them.
- Beginner and novice progression - the important milestones



Level 2 Skiing & Teaching Components:

- The Level 2 Skiing Component focuses on development of your skiing skills as well as your understanding of how to assess and develop skiing skills up to and including red groomed terrain and moderate off piste and varied terrain.
- The Level 2 Teaching component includes development of teaching skills, teaching practice and insight into important components of lesson structure and approach to building Adventures in the mountain environment.
- Evaluation is provided through an ongoing assessment throughout the 2-day course.
- Participation, collaboration and teamwork are important throughout the course.

Entry Criteria:

- Hold a Level 2 ski instructor certification from a recognised organisation/association e.g., BASI, IASI, APSI etc.
- You must be a member of the PSIE to register onto the course.
- Online e-Learning modules made available upon registration must be completed prior to day one of the on-snow portion of the course. These modules will provide important and useful information that will increase the value and effectiveness of your on-snow experience.
- You should be ready to experiment, try new things, collaborate with others, challenge what you already know, and have a great time! Arrive curious!

General:

- Breaks will happen throughout the day (vary depending on weather); however, we recommend that you carry a snack in your pocket as the daily schedule and lunch break timing can vary based on various factors.
- You will receive a detailed description of the meeting time and place of your course when you register.

Questions:

Please connect with our PSIE staff at info@psie.pro. We look forward to seeing you on-snow!