



## CSIA Level 4 Certification

### Who Should Take This Program?

The CSIA Level 4 Certification Program is geared toward creating the most skilled, adaptable and professional Instructors that the CSIA produces. It is achieved through admission to and participation in the Level 4 Academy.

The Level 4 Academy is a full season, Expert training program focused on refining skills at the highest level of professionalism and performance in the ski teaching industry in Canada. The core of the Program is comprised of three four-day, On-snow training sessions offered throughout the course of one winter. On-snow and Online training include teaching, skiing and training skills and addresses aspects of Ski Industry and Snow School operations. Ongoing mentorship opportunities aid in creating continuity and focus throughout the Academy season and allow for regular check-ins between Trainees and Trainers.

Trainees will be challenged to investigate and develop their own teaching approaches, understanding, professionalism, and interpersonal, communication and leadership skills. Assessment and Evaluations are ongoing using a multi-level approach of peer teaching and evaluations as well as direct evaluation by Trainers.

The Certified CSIA Level 4 represents professionalism and leadership for the future of the Ski Industry. They possess Expert teaching and skiing skills and are a role model for Members of the Organization. A willingness to learn and to help others is essential.

Entry into the Academy includes the following prerequisites and procedures.

### Prerequisites:

- CSIA Level 3 Certification
- CSIA Trainer Designation
- Teaching experience within a recognized Snow School or other teaching institution
- Application submission accepted
- Pass Selection Camp

**Note:** for the 2020-2021 season, Partial Level 4 Members who do not currently hold the Trainer Designation may apply for the Academy and register for Selection Camp, provided they also have an active Registration on a Trainer Exam that precedes the Selection Camp. Success on the Trainer Exam is mandatory to attend the Selection Camp.

## Am I Ready?

### Application Submission:

- Cover letter/introduction. Some considerations for inclusion in the letter are:
  - Brief history of your ski career
  - Why you are interested in the L4 Academy
  - What attributes you feel make you a strong Level 4 Candidate
  - What is your outlook for participation in the Academy
  - Other aspects you feel are relevant
- Resume:
  - Professional skills and experience
  - Past and current Ski Industry involvement
  - Confirmation of past employment within a recognized Snow School or other teaching institution (minimum 1)
  - Reference letters optional
  - Other aspects you feel are relevant
- The above-mentioned prerequisites must be met and Applications must be accepted by the CSIA prior to being able to register for a Selection Camp
- Application period begins on October 1, 2020 through December 15, 2020
- The CSIA will notify applicants of results by (Dec. 21, 2020)
- Please send Applications to [application@snowpro.com](mailto:application@snowpro.com) with the subject line:
  - Level 4 Application – Your Name

### Selection Camp:

- L4 Academy Selection Camps are a skiing focused two-day event in which Candidates will participate in a number of specified Ski-Off runs
- Ski-Off runs and Performance Criteria for the 2020-2021 Academy Selection will be made available prior to the start of the season
- Runs are evaluated by CSIA Level 4 Course Conductors
- Final marks and notification of selection to the Academy will be provided at the conclusion of the Selection Camp

### Selection Camp Preparation Recommendations:

- The prerequisites for Application are in place as the skills and knowledge required to achieve these prerequisites are foundational to becoming certified at the highest level of the CSIA
- Attendance at Level 1 Course Conductor Training and experience as a Level 1 Course Conductor can serve as valuable training
- The Pro Day program offers training opportunities to hone your skiing and teaching skills therefore increasing your likelihood of being prepared for the Selection Camp
- Physical fitness is an important factor. While there is no specific physical test, it is well documented that strength, flexibility and agility (to name just a few) are important factors in injury prevention and performance at an Expert level

### **Academy Content and Curriculum:**

- Learning outcomes, activities and Assessments are designed with standards of the CSIA Level 4 Certification in mind
- The Academy will provide specific focus and development for each individual, to ensure that training is provided in the aspects that each Member will benefit from most
- Assessment and Evaluation of skills and knowledge is ongoing throughout the duration of participation in the Academy through informal and formal Assessments and practical teaching opportunities within the Academy peer groups
- Participants should be prepared to be very active in the learning process through direct involvement in teaching fellow Participants, discussions and peer teaching Assessments
- Content of each Camp is guided by the needs of each Trainee. The introductory Camp serves as a “Skills Inventory” with the remaining Camps focused towards those development needs

### **Scheduling Outlook (beyond 2020-2021 season):**

- Selection Camp for the 2021-2022 season Academy will be held in the Spring of 2021 and this pattern will continue moving forward. This will give selected Academy Participants time to plan their Academy season well in advance as well as focus on fitness and preparedness through the Summer preceding the Academy
- Application submission period for the Spring 2021 Selection Camp is February 1, 2021 through March 12, 2021
- Dates and locations for 2021-2022 Academy Camps will be made available with as much notice as possible

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