

SYNOPSIS

In order to ensure accountability and documentation of each candidate's journey, a synopsis of their season's training and teaching will be required. To assist in completing the synopsis, a detailed logbook is strongly recommended. Documentation to be included in the log would be dates, times and topics identifying the accumulated 20 hours of teaching and training requirements. As noted earlier, the 20 hour minimum needs to include a minimum 10 hours of practical teaching hours and an additional 10 hours accumulated via clinics, training, teaching or shadowing.

The log book is the responsibility of the candidate to maintain and the responsibility of the trainer to review it at least the day of the Level I exam. It is encouraged to be periodically reviewed over the course of the season with each candidate regarding successes and struggles.

This proactive and reflective process will assist in helping the candidate identify their own strengths and weaknesses as well as assist the trainer in individualizing feedback and resources. The log book is intended to be:

- A resource and tool for the professional instructor as they learn and grow.
- A verification of experience and education.
- An environment for learning: the act of keeping logs and checklists helps to process learning experience.

Documentation and reflection are valuable skills that create a road map for the educational journey a new instructor is embarking upon.

To be utilized most successfully, the log book should contain the following at a minimum:

- Categorizations to allow processing of WHAT the teaching or clinic goal was, WHY the goal was established and HOW the goal was reached.
- A reflection as to why the goal was or was not met, how adjustments were made and the struggles or successes involved with lesson adjustments.

Sample teaching logs are available in the PSIA-AASI New Instructor Guide

https://www.thesnowpros.org/Portals/0/pdf/New_Instructor_Guide-2012.pdf or you may create your own.

The one page synopsis sheet follows and will also be available on the website, under certification. Candidates need to bring the completed synopsis of their season with them to the Level I exam and it is to be signed by their trainer who may, or may not, be the person giving the Level I exam. The signature means the trainer is verifying the minimum 20 hours has been met. This synopsis needs to be included with the roster and completed assessment sheets to the PSIA-NW office, immediately following the Level I exam.

Level I Synopsis

NAME _____ DATE _____ SCHOOL _____

PLEASE PLACE A CHECK BY ANY OF THE BELOW YOU HAVE TAUGHT:

Adults__ Age 20-49__ Age 50↑__ Children__ Age 5↓__ Age 6-12__

Teens 13-19__ Groups__ Multi-week__ Privates__

PRACTICAL TEACHING:

A minimum of ten practical teaching hours are required to participate in a Level I exam. Please provide a brief review of your experiences.

1. WHAT WORKED WELL?

2. WHAT WERE YOUR CHALLENGES?

3. WHAT AREA(S) DO YOU FEEL NEED IMPROVEMENT TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN YOUR TEACHING?

TRAINING CLINICS:

A minimum of ten clinic/training hours are required to participate in a Level I exam. Please provide a brief review of your experiences.

1. TYPE OF CLINICS?

2. WHAT WORKED WELL?

3. WHAT AREA(S) DO YOU FEEL YOU NEED MORE TRAINING IN TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN YOUR TEACHING OR SKIING?

Participant Signature _____

Participant's Trainer Signature _____