

CERTIFIED LEVEL III

The Certified Level III member is one whose high levels of skill and knowledge allow him or her to make an uncompromised contribution to the customer, the Association, and the ski industry. A Level III Certified member has the ability to assess all variables with regard to student personality traits, goals, abilities, needs, the learning environment, conditions of the day, available terrain, equipment, etc. and to synthesize these parts into a viable lesson plan. A Level III instructor can make adjustments to lesson goals and is able to appropriately adjust or modify lesson content as required by any situation.

Category A: Skiing

Level III certified teachers have the skills to stride and skate on blue and groomed black terrain with optimal efficiency. Skis grip (classic) or edge (skate) with little or no slip, effecting a timely weight transfer and maximum glide. Terrain and snow conditions should have minimal impact on skill application and movement accuracy. Demonstrations should illustrate accurate movement patterns and reflect skiing dynamics relative to the speeds and tempos common to Intermediate zone skiers. A Level III certified teacher has the ability to maintain dynamics and movement accuracy through most conditions, on any terrain on most trail systems.

1. Matrix for Nordic Certification Skiing Standards, p. 3.

Describes specific skills at Level III

Category B: Teaching

Level III certified teachers must demonstrate an in depth understanding of basic learning theory, communication and people skills, and human development issues. Display a mastery of human development issues for all skiing populations (i.e., age, gender). Application of these concepts must produce a clear and concise delivery of information, and an uncomplicated learning environment through Advanced zone lessons.

Please see the **Matrix for Nordic Track Certification Teaching Standards, p. 4-5.**

Describes specific skills at Level III

Category C: Professional Knowledge

Professional Knowledge for Level III certified teachers reflects a strong accurate understanding of skiing terminology and concepts beyond the scope of ski teaching manuals. Related industry sources, ski coaching, and familiarity with various peripheral resources promote well-rounded teaching with the capacity to create exceptional experiences for most students, in most conditions on any terrain at most ski areas.

Please see the **Matrix for Nordic Track Certification Professional Knowledge Standards, p. 6-7.**

Describes specific skills at Level III