Canadian Avalanche Association

Course Outline
Instructing in Avalanche Terrain Advanced

Description	Instructing in Avalanche Terrain – Advanced is a field-based course that will assess participants' instructional and risk management skills to deliver advanced recreational avalanche courses in simple and challenging terrain. Key course outcomes include compliance with the Guidelines for Instruction in Avalanche Terrain (GIAT), terrain identification and group management. Successful candidates can apply to become CAA Advanced Avalanche Educator members. This level of membership is qualified to instruct Avalanche Canada Training (ACT) Program courses such as Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 (AST 2) and Managing Avalanche Terrain (MAT).
Prerequisites	1. Avalanche Operations Level 2 2. Instructing in Avalanche Terrain - Foundations
Delivery Methods	This course takes place over four days and will require pre-course work that will consist of avalanche safety plan development, terrain identification, and preparation to instruct a topic from the Avalanche Canada Training (ACT) program. Completing the pre-course work will ensure you have a solid foundation and prepare you to be successful during the evaluations during the in-person sessions. To optimize the learning experience, you will be assigned end-of-day prep work, which will involve preparing for the following day's trip plan.
Textbook	There is no textbook for the course, however resources from the Avalanche Canada Training courses will be referenced throughout. The course material is available as a downloadable PDF.
Duration	This course is delivered in person over four days where students will be required to be outside for the entire day.
Course Goals	Upon completion of this course participants will be able to: • Demonstrate instructional strategies to deliver avalanche education. • Implement avalanche risk management tools for the purpose of delivering avalanche education. • Use Avalanche Skills Training 2 (AST) decision- making tools. • Demonstrate appropriate travel procedures in ATES-rated simple and challenging terrain. • Demonstrate effective verbal communication. • Apply operational risk treatment measures to maximize learning and minimize exposure.

Assessment	Participants' learning is assessed through practical evaluations. Students will demonstrate • Hazard and Risk Assessment • Instruction in Avalanche Terrain • Terrain Identification • Group Management • Professionalism and Communication