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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Professional Ski Instructors of America
American Association of Snowboard Instructors

Brains That Work Differently

Audience: Current PSIA-AASI-Rocky Mountain Members instructing the public; prospective Level I adaptive alpine or snowboard candidates.

Discipline: All PSIA/AASI Disciplines; Adaptive Alpine

Time: Two 2.5 hour sessions plus homework **Credits:** 6 CEU's **Note:** You must be present for both classes to receive PSIA credit. There is no makeup session and there are no recordings of the sessions.

Setting: Online interactive format

Note: This course was formerly known as "Teaching Guests with Cognitive Diagnoses."

Course description:

This interactive clinic serves as a base for any ski or snowboard instructor seeking information on effectively connecting with and teaching guests who have mild to significant cognitive-related challenges, from stroke survivors to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Due to the increasing prevalence of students with cognitive diagnoses in typical educational activities and the growing number of senior sliders, this clinic is valuable for all snow sports instructors.

The clinic consists of two online sessions for 2.5 hours each, plus homework. **Note:** You must be present for both classes and complete the assigned homework to receive PSIA-AASI credit. There are no makeup sessions or recordings of the sessions.

Course outcomes:

On successful completion of this clinic (and with additional practice), you will be able to:

- Identify some of the most prevalent cognitive diagnoses and associated medications guests have in snowsports lessons
- Perform a student assessment
- Use teaching models, such as the Teaching/Learning Cycle and Sensory Preferences
- Incorporate Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs into your lessons to make the lessons effective and satisfying for your students

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- Explore adaptive teaching tools

This course is beneficial if you:

- Teach students with cognitive diagnoses
- Teach children or seniors, who often have unreported cognitive diagnoses
- Are preparing for adaptive certification

Format: This clinic utilizes Ring Central Meetings, a web-hosted service for online video conferencing. Before each week's class, you are given a link for the online meeting. The presentation is shown via the sharing of the instructor's desktop. Throughout each class, there are discussions and activities to encourage participation.

Many mobile devices do not allow for full participation in online meetings. It is strongly recommended that you use a computer with working video, speaker, and microphone capabilities to connect to the meeting via the internet. If your computer does not have speaker and microphone capabilities, you may use a phone for audio.

For more information on how to prepare to use RingCentral Meetings, please copy the link below into your browser.

<https://www.psia-c.org/calendar/join-ringcentral/>

Materials Needed:

- Desktop or mobile device with display, speaker, microphone, and webcam capabilities
- Consistent Internet access