



## **Ski Spectacular Instructor Academy**

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### **Clinic Summary Notes**

**Clinic Topic:** Adaptive Lesson Observation Teaching Skills – Alex Davenport

1. Teaching skills are an essential part of the Learning Connection and lesson guests benefit greatly when used effectively by instructors.
2. PSIA-AASI's six Teaching Skills:
  - Collaborate on long-term goals and short-term objectives
  - Manage information, activities, terrain selection and pacing
  - Promote play, experimentation, and exploration
  - Facilitate the learner's ability to reflect upon experiences and sensations
  - Adapt to the changing needs of the learner
  - Manage emotional and physical risk
3. Teaching skills encompass a wide range of topics. Learn more about them and PSIA-AASI's Learning Connection and the Teaching Skills segment on pages 71-167 of the *Teaching Snowsports Manual*. A free digital copy of the manual can be found at [Read more about https://www.thesnowpros.org/education/digital-manuals-for-every-discipline/](https://www.thesnowpros.org/education/digital-manuals-for-every-discipline/).
4. Read articles and listen to podcasts on people skills in PSIA-AASI's 32 Degrees magazine and industry podcasts at <https://thesnowpros.org/?s=Teaching+Skills>.
5. Remember, instructors are not born with people skills embedded in their brains. Take the time to learn about, practice, and apply them with friends and family. Ask for feedback, refine your skills, and enjoy the positive outcomes of your labor with people in snowsports lessons and life!