

**From Slopes to
Systems:
Breaking Barriers
Through Better
Training for Adaptive
Coaches**

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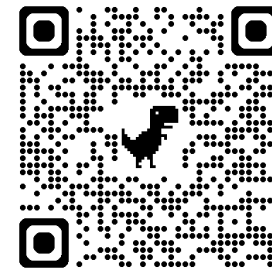
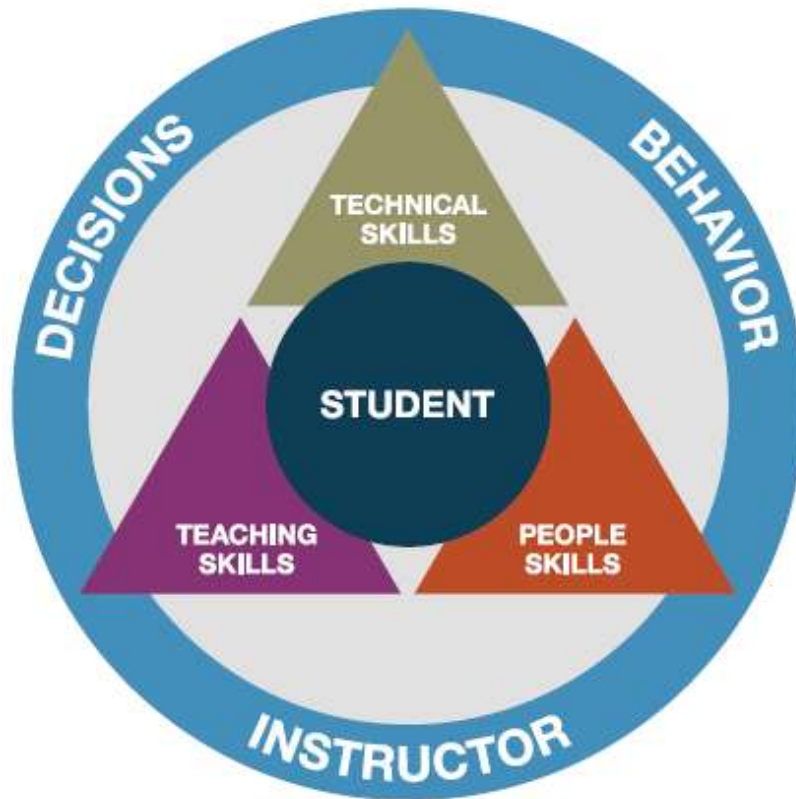
Why This Matters / What You'll Gain

- Build more confident, well-rounded adaptive instructors
- Use the Learning Connection Model to strengthen people, teaching, and technical skills
- Design training that improves inclusion, professionalism, and athlete experience
- Apply practical tools for mentorship, feedback, and staff development



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The Learning Connection Model



Resources:

Standards

Performance Guides

Assessment Forms

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Training Program Design

- Honest evaluation of your team's strengths and weaknesses.
- What goal(s) are you trying to achieve with your training design?
- Defining culture. Education driven vs. experience based.
- Thoughtfully mixing experienced coaches with new recruits.
- Avoiding information overload.
- Growth opportunities for seasoned coaches, development of clinicians.
- Mentorships. Promotes value and trust.
- Create moments to let your instructors/staff shine.



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Practical Tools and Strategies

- Using LCM as your foundational approach for clinic and training buildouts.
- Acknowledging the good, the bad and the ugly.
- Easy fun vs. hard fun approach to skill acquisition.
- Are you here for the moment or the journey?
- Adaptive Supplement: Diagnoses & Medical Classifications

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Q & A



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