

Outdoor Course Provider Candidacy

Serving as a course provider for the PCIA carries an expectation of responsibility and dedication to promoting and supporting the needs of climbing instructors. As a provider candidate, you will be serving those individuals. This requires a deep understanding of the curriculum and a strong ability to deliver it to any climbing instructor, anywhere. It is important to understand that the skills of a course provider are developed over years. This represents a continued commitment to learning as a leader in the industry. At a minimum, the PCIA holds the following requirements to become a Single Pitch Instructor Course Provider:

- Letter of Recommendation from a current PCIA, AMGA, or PCGI certified Course Provider
- Approval of candidacy from the PCIA Programs Committee
- Shadow a minimum of one Single Pitch Instructor course
- Co-teach a minimum of two Single Pitch Instructor courses
- Complete a Provider Training Course from a current PCIA certified Course Provider Trainer
 - This can be completed simultaneously with a co-teaching course
- Complete a Checkout Course, a final assessment of your skills as a Course Provider candidate

Please understand the above requirements represent the *minimum* number of steps required to become a course provider and you may require additional experience. The intention of any provider candidate should be to acquire a significant understanding of specific climbing skills and the ability to teach them to others, not to rush through the provider track. Furthermore, it is expected that you will continue your education beyond this process to best serve the climbing instructors you will teach.

As a provider candidate, you have access to numerous resources, information, and a broad network of experienced providers at your disposal. Among them is the PCIA Programs Manager, Jake Brunnquell. Any questions regarding your provider track, where to gain access to teaching tools and resources, and any other PCIA questions can be directed to him or to the office, info@pcia.us.