

Certified Climbing Instructor, LLC

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Pre-Requisites for Single Pitch Instructor Course

You meet the pre-requisites for the SPI course if you:

- Have a genuine interest in rock climbing and instructing novices on single pitch crags.
- Are at least 18 years old at the time of the course.
- Have at least 12 months prior climbing experience.
- Are an active climber with traditional lead climbing experience (leader placing pro).
- Have trad lead climbed a minimum of 15 graded rock climbing routes (any grade).
- Are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.

The above pre-requisites are absolute minimums and most candidates have way in excess of the above. Without having at least this amount experience you are unlikely to play a constructive part on the course or be able to make best use of the training. If you are unsure of your skill levels we suggest hiring an AMGA/IFMGA certified guide to evaluate and enhance your skills and experience prior to SPI Program enrollment.

Pre-Requisites for SPI Assessment

The SPI Assessment can be taken directly following the SPI Course if the candidate successfully completed the course and meets the Assessment pre-requisites. However, it is highly recommended that the SPI Course candidate takes time practicing and consolidating the skills learned on the course before assessment (6-12 months).

You meet the SPI Assessment Pre-requisites if:

- You have successfully completed an AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Course or AMGA Top Rope Site Manager Course (or have a letter of "Exemption from SPI Training").
 - You have trad lead climbed a minimum of 40 rock climbing routes. A large number of these should be at 5.6 grade and hopefully on a variety of rock types.
 - You are capable of comfortably lead climbing 5.6 traditional routes (leader placing protection). You will demonstrate your leading ability on a variety of routes on the assessment.
 - You are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 while on a top rope.
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Gaining SPI Certification

To gain SPI Certification candidates must:

- Successfully pass the SPI Assessment
 - Hold current AMGA Membership at Associate level or higher
 - Hold current First Aid Certification (see SPI Certification First Aid Requirements)
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Please email the CCI Office with any general questions. SPI Program inquiries and "Exemption from SPI Training" exam challenges can be made to Ed Crothers, AMGA Climbing instructor Program Coordinator: ed@amga.com, or to Adam Fox, AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Program Discipline Coordinator: adam@foxmountainguides.com.

The above program information is copied from the AMGA website:

www.amga.com/programs/SPI