



Instructor Development Training FAQ

Interested in Becoming a Driving Instructor with Audi Club Glacier Lakes?

Driving Instructors are critical to fulfilling our mission of providing education and training that helps our members and the community become safer, more confident drivers. Our dedicated team of Instructors volunteer at Teen Clinics, Ice Driving Events, and High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events, sharing their knowledge and experience with other drivers. They help us build and refine driving skills that keep us safer on the roads during our daily commutes and help us put down a quick lap or two on the track course.

If you are interested in becoming an Instructor with Audi Club Glacier Lakes, we have a program designed to help you succeed.

The Glacier Lakes Chapter of Audi Club North America achieved Level 2 certification in the Motorsport Safety Foundation's (MSF) High-Performance Driver Education (HPDE) Instructor training initiative in 2019. The [Motorsport Safety Foundation](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving safety standards in motorsport. The MSF CERTIFIED program was established to improve the standards and operations of HPDE schools' instructor training programs, in order to provide a safer and high-quality experience for all involved. The nonprofit believes in the importance of all instructors working from the same baseline, and continuing their development as instructors. Instructor Training School (ITS) offers a curriculum that covers, at a minimum, the standards outlined by the Motorsport Safety Foundation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What does it mean to be an Instructor with ACGL?

A. Click here to see the ACGL Instructor Ranking criteria. If that document fails to outline expectations please contact Board@audiclubglacierlakes.org

Q. I've "soloed" at more than 1 HPDE track/event. Can I be Level 2 Certified if I successfully participate in this course?

A. No. ACGL requires that in addition to completion of MSF Level 1 certification and successful completion of the Instructor Development/Training (I D/T) Course, you must verify that you have served as an Instructor for at least four students at a minimum of two separate club sponsored HPDE events and receive the written endorsement of a sponsoring car club's Chief Driving Instructor or designee.

Q. What if I have no experience as an in-car Instructor? Why would I spend money to take this course?

A: Being a quality, Level 2 Certified instructor takes dedication, commitment and "seat time" as an Instructor. Students who share a car with L-2 instructors will be assured that the person in charge of their safety and learning process made the sacrifice and commitment to their own ongoing learning and development. The I D/T course provides you with basic and advanced knowledge, and experience in a structured learning environment. Drivers drive – Instructors teach and coach.



Q. I've thought about being a driving instructor, but I am not so sure I want to ride with someone on a racecourse when I am not in control. Can I teach classroom or perhaps instruct at a low-speed event like a teen clinic?

A: This course is designed to be the stepping stone to instructing at an HPDE. ACGL Instructors strive to be HPDE Level 2 certified but most if not all, started by volunteering at low-speed events/car control venues. Upon completion of MSF Level 1 certification, HPDE Instructor candidates are encouraged to volunteer at low-speed car control/teen events. Both ACGL and North Star BMW clubs offer low-speed events throughout the year. Volunteers typically assist with car control exercises and are offered the opportunity to sit through classroom presentations. When allowed, most clubs offer opportunities to participate in "ride-alongs" with qualified Instructors at HPDE events. The next step for many is to register for an HPDE or low-speed event themselves to experience what it is like. Participating in our I D/T program sets the stage for instructing in-car – eventually at an HPDE.

Q. I've participated in many driving events like auto-cross, "track-days", motorcycle racing and go-carting all my life. Am I eligible to be an HPDE Instructor?

A: Again, basic requirements are that you have successfully completed the Level -1 MSF online course and successfully completed the two-day Instructor Development/Training course. The next logical step is to contact the event master/registrar for a specific event, the event's/club's chief driving Instructor or club representative to determine the hosting organization's criteria defined to be an Instructor.

Q: Your Instructor Development/Training course is only offered one time per year. How am I supposed to get the required, in-car "Instructor/experience" and on-track/"right seat" training?

A: Great question! I am confident that we can identify opportunities for you to gain that experience*.

Contact Peter.Puffer@audiclubglacierlakes.org

*Our instructors participate and serve as HPDE instructors at numerous events around the country such as; Blackhawk Farms Raceway (IL), Brainerd International Raceway- Competition and Donnybrook courses (MN), Road America (WI), Gratten Raceway (MI), Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, (OH), Sonoma Raceway (CA), Daytona International Speedway (FL), Circuit of the Americas (COTA, TX) and others around the USA.

Q. Other Questions?

A. Contact Peter.Puffer@audiclubglacierlakes.org or Board@audiclubglacierlakes.org